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IN MEMORY

of

Louis and Ella Miley

This Volume

of

The Miley Family History

IS PRESENTED TO

The Ray Pennell Family

by

PAUL NEWCOMER MILEY

and

RAY LEONARD MILEY

INTRODUCTION

The object of this work is to leave some permanent record of the history of The Miley Family so that our children and our children's children may know something about who they are and from whence they came. The origins and traditions of The Miley Family have been passed from mouth to ear for several generations. The Miley Family has now increased to such proportions, is scattered to so many distant points, that such a manner will no longer suffice, and our ancestry may be lost to the many who will follow, unless a humble attempt is made to reduce our heritage to writing.

Your writer, Paul N. Miley, hold in my files, various family records which were carefully preserved by my father and mother, Louis and Ella Miley, Millersburg, Ohio, which, I believe, are the only family records available and are as authentic as can ever be obtained. For some years past, I have discussed with my cousin, David Ray Miley, Toledo, Ohio, descendant of The Elias Miley Family, the possibility, feasibility, and advisability of attempting some form of a permanent family record. We concurred that such should be considered, but the necessary time to bring our intentions into realization never seemed to be available. Since then, I have been retired from active work, and with his help, encouragement, and family enthusiasm, we will endeavor to condense and assemble the material we now have in our custody into an understandable record of our ancestors' entry to America and the family events thereafter. I have also outlined the subject matter of our intended work to my son, Ray Leonard Miley. His expression, I believe, would be that of all our splendid young people: "We younger people want to know these things. It is up to you older ones to tell us."

Ray Leonard will serve as our principal critic at various and convenient times throughout the entire period of composition. His qualifications, his prerogative, and his status of impunity ensure a rigorous and exacting evaluation of our efforts. In addition, we will retain him as our consultant and advisor on relevant matters until the final completion of Our Story.

We do not wish this work to be considered as a genealogy, but rather as a Miley Family History. With the exception of a limited amount of research and an occasional thought relating to a connective, descriptive or explanatory nature, your writers seek no credit for the origin of this History. We are not professional writers. We are not too concerned as to rhetoric, composition and structure. Our aim is to portray the thoughts and words of others in the simplest manner possible. We hope our readers will be tolerant and understanding with their evaluations. Any errors or omissions, we assure you, are entirely unintentional.

Part I and Part II of this History are dedicated to the entire John Miley Family. The subject matter thereof has been condensed from the following:

First—A history of The Miley Family written and read at the first Miley Family Reunion at Wauseon, Ohio, on August 18, 1900, by Louis Miley, a teacher, county officer and banker of Millersburg, Ohio. In this report he accounts for the period of our progenitor's, JOHN MILEY, entry into America, the family events thereafter and a genealogy including the third generation. In 1937 he added a supplement to his original paper in review of the past thirty-seven years; also some new family information as to The Garrett Family and The Miley Families of Noble and Guernsey Counties, Ohio.

Second—Two separate writings by Rhoda Josephine Miley Dunham, daughter of Jacob Miley, wife of William Dunham, a farmer, residing near Wauseon, Fulton County, Ohio. One paper sketches the early days of the Mileys and her father's boyhood days. The other is her father's own statements in regard to his pioneering days. Mrs. Dunham was born in Fulton County, August 3, 1862, and

died in December 1951. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dunham are buried in Wauseon Cemetery.

Third—We are indebted to Mr. Brantz Mayer of Baltimore, Maryland, for a one hundred and eighty page volume published in 1878. Within this work he traces the ancestry of his cousin and our first American-born grandmother, EVA MARGARETHA SCHULER MILEY, to the year 1495 in Germany. Mr. Mayer was born in Baltimore, Maryland in 1809, became a leader of his time, engaging in law, literature, military affairs, administrations of trusts and an author of note. The copy we are privileged to possess was presented to DAVID MILEY, as a reward for his efforts in preparing The Miley lineage for the Mayer Genealogy.

Fourth—A letter to Louis Miley, dated September 14, 1902, from Mrs. Nan Skinner Brock of Loveland, Ohio, as to the known ancestry of her niece and our second American born grandmother, ELIZABETH GARRETT, who married David Miley. Mrs. Brock was born on September 28, 1847 in Athens County, Ohio, moved with her parents to Ross County, Ohio in 1867, married there in 1870 and then moved to Loveland, Ohio. As of 1902 her family was in the mercantile business at the last named location.

Fifth—A short sketch by an unknown author as to the history of The Miley Families residing in Noble and Guernsey Counties, Ohio. We have no authentic link between our families, but it has been accepted by both groups that we could be related. We comment on this briefly in the main division of our History.

Sixth—Various and sundry old family records which will be referred to when applicable and pertinent to our History.

The second generation of The John Miley Family consisted of eight children. We have the direct lineage of these eight children including the third generation. To continue beyond that would be a task that neither your writers nor their associates can do for obvious reasons. We must content ourselves only with an up-to-date genealogy of The David Miley Family. We do consider, however, if any descendants of John Miley wish to trace their

connections, enough information has been given that such could be accomplished with time and effort. Attempts will be made to place copies of this History with our cousins, the descendants of the other seven children of John and Eva Margaretha Schuler Miley. If any cousins should wish to extend their own genealogy they are privileged to use any part or all of our work, without the expressed or implied authority of our writers.

Part III of our History is devoted exclusively to the David Miley Family. We present biographical sketches of our common progenitors, David and Elizabeth Miley and their three sons, the forebears of our three respective families; namely, HARMON, LOUIS AND ELIAS MILEY. For many apparent causes we must limit the later generations to merely individual and family statistics.

We have chosen the system used by Brantz Mayer as the most adaptable form to use in recording the lineage of The David Miley Family. It is free from references and cross references by letters, figures, signs or symbols, which, we believe, complicate rather than clarify a family history. His system is more simple, being that of the human growth of a family from a single pair. We commence our Genealogy with David and Elizabeth Miley, set down their issue in chronological order, grouping each family, its marriages, descents, births, deaths, histories or statistics in regular sequence, through all generations to the present date. Moreover, this system is expansible.

Part IV of our History consists of several blank pages and is designed for your own past, present and future contributions to a progressive continuity of Miley history. We have absolute confidence that when these pages have been fully utilized, our generations of that day will then use their inherited Miley ingenuity to perpetuate our history with an innovation of their own invention.

The subject matter for The David Miley section of our History has been derived from many sources both within and without our family. Space herein does not permit us to individually recognize each member of the family, and, likewise, each of our sincere friends who have contributed to this work. Dates are the essential lifeblood of a true

genealogy. Such would be valueless without the chronological milestones that mark the lives of families. Your enthusiastic support in gathering names and dates; providing us with leads and clues to obscure history; has not only made our genealogy a success, but also stimulated us to put forth our best efforts. The eagerness of our younger generations to know more about their ancestry has been another incentive and inspiration. The theoretical and practical knowledge possessed by our friends and shared with us has been invaluable in approaching the many problems encountered with a work such as ours. Also, their unbiased comments and critical recommendations have effected a better edition of our History. It was through the contacts of a friend that The Akron Public Library became interested in our work, and it was through the solicitations of the library staff that we have been encouraged to place copies of this History with certain selected public libraries. Other sincere friends who have aided us are recognized within the pages of our Story. Complimentary copies of this book will be awarded to our friends as a token of our appreciation.

The Miley Family History is presented to each member of The David Miley Family as a family service. Your financial sponsors seek no monetary remuneration. We do ask that as this book be passed from one generation to another it be given the respect due a proud family. We request that you instruct your descendants, and they in turn reveal to their descendants, the wonderful heritage that is theirs.

FOREWORD

"The past is really never past.
It remains forever a part of us.
The more we know about our past,
the better we understand our present."

PAUL N. MILEY

Akron, Ohio
November 11, 1964

PART I. THE MILEY HERITAGE

1. THE MILEY IMMIGRANTS

The name MILEY is a German name and originally was spelled MEILEY. Like other German names of that time the form was changed to the American way of spelling and we no longer think of it as a German name.

Immigration to America from Germany, which had begun in colonial times, continued throughout the Revolutionary days, and accelerated after the War of 1812, was greatly influenced by the Redemption System. Immigrants known as Redemptioners were brought over mostly in blunt-bowed, slow sailing German ships of that day, and were bound to serve, in America, the persons who redeemed their passage money and expenses. The terms were matters of legal arrangement in Europe as well as here, and the written documents were enforceable in court. The Redemptioners were then required to work for their purchasers until they had repaid their masters in work for the expenditures made on behalf of the immigrant.

Great numbers of Germans of all ages and both sexes crossed the Atlantic. Many were shiftless, ignorant and sometimes ill treated. In 1817, the German Society of Maryland was formed as a just protection for their countrymen and as an aid to all foreigners. The Society's first president was the father of Brantz Mayer, Christian Mayer, who had emigrated from Germany to America in 1784.

The legend of The Miley Family advent into America is the story of countless others. In 1800 there were only sixteen states along the Atlantic Seaboard, and only a few large towns such as Boston, New York and Philadelphia.

To the west there were three thousand miles of wilderness, one thousand miles of it still unexplored. Three fourths of the people were farmers raising only enough to support themselves and the other fourth. Human muscles, horses and oxen performed the daily tasks. The trend of the population was ever westward—a vast forest filled with hostile savages. As a pattern of the rapid migration of that day, we cite the State of Ohio and Holmes County, Ohio. Ohio was admitted as a state in 1803 ranking eighteenth in population and by 1840 had risen to third in rank. In 1830 Holmes County reported a census of 9135 and by 1840 the population had increased to 18,188. There was movement westward everywhere. Each move was a new settlement and a new adventure in pioneering. Farms were to be carved out of the forests. Homes were to be erected from the clearings. Travel was by foot, horse-back or wagon. Families which were separated, especially under the Redemption System, had very little prospects of ever reestablishing family ties. This was the American way of life when the Mileys, as Redemptioners, crossed the Atlantic Ocean. As we trace the movements of John Miley and his pioneering descendants, we can proudly say that the Mileys were true pioneers and that they played their part in shaping a vast wilderness into a wonderful land: The United States of America.

Our first known immigrating and pioneering Miley ancestor, John Miley, was born in Germany in 1784. He, along with other members of his family, immigrated to America sometime between the years of 1790 and 1800. There is no record as to the place of his birth, nor his German ancestry. Consequently, our Miley History, from necessity, has its beginning in America. Nor do we know the reason this family came to America. History of that day tells us it could have been: the right to be free men and women; the privilege to worship God as they believed; the ever continuing wars in Europe; the spirit of adventure in the land of promise; or as one writer has expressed it, they ran away from something that made their life unbearable. We do know our ancestors were farmers in

Germany, were poor financially, but rich in courage. We are not concerned as to why they came to America, nor how they came. From the heritage they left us, it was honorable. We should be reverently grateful and thankful that our forefathers had the initiative and the enterprise to start a new life in America.

The writings of Mrs. Dunham and Louis Miley have referred to the other members of John Miley's immigrating family. However, in the early days of founding a nation such as ours, where the population was dispersing rather than concentrating, it is hardly to be counted on that domestic records would be kept. Consequently, their reports are based on the oral delivery of tradition, are very indefinite, fragmentary and somewhat conflicting. Again, from necessity, we are handicapped in our efforts to report the events of these people. But, we will endeavor to combine and condense the two writings as a matter of disposition and conclusion to this chapter.

The immigrating family consisted of John Miley's father and mother, his two sisters and one of his brothers. It is recorded that John had another brother who was in the military service in Europe at the time of their departure, but later, also immigrated to America.

The father and mother of John Miley were purchased by one man. Thus, they were not separated. After serving their bondage they lived in or near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. One of his sisters was bought by a doctor who educated her to be a practicing physician. It is also related that the doctor engaged in match-making and she later married one of his male servants. His other sister married a butcher named Shively. They are reported to have lived in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. There is no reference to the brother who immigrated at this time, nor to the brother who was reported to have come to America later. The record also ends here as to the father, mother and the two sisters. The only authentic history from here on is that of John Miley and his descendants.

Throughout the past years we have been advised that Miley is not an uncommon name, and that the name is prominent in several sections of the United States. However, from the records we have inherited, there are absolutely no authentic connections between Our Miley Family and any others bearing the same name or a similar name.

2. JOHN MILEY

John Miley, our first known forefather, was born in Germany, September 15, 1784, and immigrated to America as a Redemptioner shortly prior to 1800. Upon arrival he was sold to a tyrannical farmer living in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania for the sum of sixty dollars. Unable to stand the cruel treatment of his owner, he took refuge with a neighbor. The neighbor called upon the oppressor and made a deal to reimburse grandfather's master for the amount of his expenditure. Thereby, the young bound boy found an ideal home. John Miley served out his bondage to this man in such a satisfactory manner that he was hired to stay a few years longer.

John Miley (first of name) was married to Eva Margaretha Schuler at Lancaster, Pennsylvania in 1811.* Miss Schuler, who had descended from noble stock in Germany, was herself a Pennsylvanian by birth. To this union: John Miley, (second of name) was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, May 30, 1812; Jacob Miley (first of name) was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, July 4, 1814.

We now quote in its entirety a letter from the War Department, The Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D. C. dated November 21, 1936 in reply to an inquiry by Louis Miley.

"The records of this office show that one John Miley, surname not borne as Meiley, served in the War of 1812 as a private in Captain Jacob Snyder's

Company, Second Regiment (Lotz's) Pennsylvania Militia. His service commenced September 1, 1814 and ended December 4, 1814. The place of his residence is shown as Lancaster Borough. The records do not show his age, nor any other items of personal or family history."

Another son, George Miley, (first of name) was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, December 12, 1816. According to the records as outlined in The Introduction your writers deduce that John and Eva Margaretha Miley had purchased land in Lancaster County referred to as Chestnut Ridge. Disposing of this sometime between 1817 and 1819, their next move was to Ligonier Valley in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, where their fourth child, Rachel Miley, (first of name) was born, February 14, 1819. Again we assume that they bought land here, but did not remain long. Their next move was to Columbiana County, Ohio; then considered the far west. From birth dates and tax receipts we can accurately state the date of this move as 1820 or 1821. Their fifth child, Matthias Miley, was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, March 21, 1821. Three other children, which completed the family, were born in Columbiana County, Ohio; Namely, David Miley (first of name) in 1824; Levi Miley (first of name) in 1828; Jesse Miley (first of name) in 1830. The family now consisted of father, mother, one daughter and seven sons.

We have a dozen or more old receipts for payment of moneys. The oldest, dated in 1811-1812-1818 are business transactions, but there is no reference to real estate or chattel tax. We do have such tax receipts for the years 1821-1822-1825-1826, which are written on scraps of paper. We reproduce the 1821 tax receipt.

"Received of John Miley forty eight cents State and County tax for the year 1821. Received for Jacob Watson, Collector, by me, Benjamin Smith."

The first printed form setting forth the number of acres, description and valuation is dated November 25,

1829, and states that John Miley paid Columbiana County a total tax of \$1.99 on ninety acres of land valued at \$124.00 and chattel property valued at \$104.00.

John Miley and family remained in Columbiana County until 1835,* when he purchased one hundred sixty acres in Ripley Township, Holmes County, Ohio on December 11, 1835, from William Wells for \$1,050.00. Wells had bought this land in 1830 from the United States Government during the administration of President Andrew Jackson. As of 1820, the price of government land in Ohio had been reduced from \$2.00 to \$1.25 per acre; we, therefore, conclude that when John Miley bought, the cabin had been erected and the land partially cleared.

This farm is located on the Nashville-Shreve Road, three and one-half miles from Nashville; four miles from Shreve. A tax receipt dated October 24, 1842, states that John Miley paid Holmes County a total tax of eight dollars, four cents, seven mills on one hundred sixty acres and chattels. Valuation is not stated.

We quote Brantz Mayer:

“He was a moving, but thrifty agriculturist, improving his fortunes, it is said, with each of his frequent changes, until he finally settled and purchased a farm of one hundred sixty acres in Holmes County, Ohio, where he died.”

*The Louis Miley paper of 1900 is the basis for this chapter. Mr. Miley informs us of the movements and activities of John Miley from the year 1811 through the year 1835 but omits the dates of these various occurrences. We have attempted to authentically supply these missing dates by the use of the birth dates of John Miley's immediate descendants along with other dated materials we possess. Your writers do not wish the recording of these twenty-four years to be considered as a genealogy, but preferably, a chronological method of assigning to events their proper dates in the sequence they happened. A genealogical register of John Miley's descendants will appear in PART II.

John Miley died September 15, 1845. He is buried in Ripley Church of Christ Cemetery, Ripley Township, Holmes County, Ohio.

3. EVA MARGARETHA SCHULER MILEY



Eva Margaretha Schuler was born in the Borough of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, November 23, 1784, and married John Miley (first of name) in 1811. Her known ancestry dates back to the year 1495 in the city of Ulm, Wurtemberg, Germany, with the birth of Melchoir Mayer. Ulm at that time was a prosperous free city of ninety thousand inhabitants. Through his valor and worth Melchior Mayer was made the Military Chief of that city. The immediate descendants of Melchoir Mayer were in the military service of the Emperor of Germany and were awarded the heraldic arms in 1570. The record does not show any descendants until Lorenz Mayer was born in 1554 and died in 1609. It appears that about this time the military history of our ancestors ends. In the seventeenth century they seem to have dropped the sword and betaken themselves to peaceful occupations.

The next recorded ancestor was John George Mayer, exact birth date not known, but believed to be early in 1600. He was the great grandfather of the first Mayer immigrant to America and the owner of a pharmacy. John Melchoir Mayer, son of John George Mayer, was born in Ulm, September 11, 1636, educated at the University of Strasburg, became a teacher, died April 26, 1703. He was the grandfather of the first Mayer immigrant to America. George Bartholomew Mayer, son of John Melchoir Mayer, was born in Ulm, March 9, 1681, became a clergyman, died October 21, 1720. He was the father of the first Mayer immigrant to America. CHRISTOPHER BARTHOLOMEW MAYER, the first Mayer immigrant to America, and the grandfather of the to be Mrs. John Miley, was born in Ulm, November 8, 1702, married Eva Margaretha Scheifel in September, 1724. She was born in Ulm, November 24, 1704; the daughter of a surgeon. She died in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 27, 1765.

Christopher Bartholomew Mayer, his wife; his son George Ludwig Mayer and wife; his daughter Sybilla Margaretha and her husband The Reverend Bernard Michael Houseal; another daughter, DOROTHEA REGINA MAYER; and another son, John Jacob Mayer; immigrated to America in 1752: long before the War of Independence. They landed at Annapolis, then the capital of the British Province of Maryland, did not tarry long there, going to Frederick-Town in the western part of that province. It is supposed that it was the design of Christopher Bartholomew Mayer to acquire land and to settle his family in that fertile region, but he died November 21, 1752, six months after his arrival.

Brantz Mayer sums up their immigration thus: "There must have been more than common enterprise in Christopher Bartholomew to induce him at the age of fifty years, with his life half spent, respected as he was in Ulm, to cut loose from birth ties, cross the sea and plunge into a savage wilderness." As to why—he concludes that the immigrating family was running away from religious persecution.

After the father's death the family dispersed. Sybilla Margaretha Mayer Houseal and her husband remained at Frederick-Town and founded the Evangelical Lutheran Church in that wilderness. After filling several pulpits, they transferred to New York City at the time of the Revolutionary War. The husband, a strong adherent to the Crown, a Tory, took himself and his family to Halifax, Nova Scotia, where he died. She moved to England, where she died. It is reported that their descendants are scattered all over the world.

The remainder of the immigrating family went to Lancaster, Pennsylvania. George Ludwig Mayer and wife remained there, became a successful tradesman and the founder of the Lancaster Branch of The Mayer Family.

John Jacob Mayer and his mother went to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he, also, became a tradesman, married, and through his immediate descendant became the Founder of The Georgia and Southern Branches of The Mayer Family.

Dorothea Regina Mayer, mother of the to be Mrs. John Miley, born in Ulm, Germany, October 6, 1739, remained with her older brother at Lancaster until her marriage to JACOB SCHULER, December 14, 1761. He was born in Germany, February, 1729. There is no record as to his German ancestry.

The oldest and perhaps the most interesting legal paper we have in our custody is a land deed hand written in the extremely professional manner of that day, the art of such, with the invention of the printing press, has now long passed into oblivion. This document, dated October 8, 1772, is inscribed on parchment, size twenty seven inches by sixteen inches and numbers upward of one thousand words. The substance is that Jacob Schuler purchased from Henry Mufier, a Lot of Ground situated in the Township of Lancaster, County of Lancaster, Province of Pennsylvania, being in or near the Borough of Lancaster, in a town called Mufier Town, being known in the General Plan of said Town by Lot Number Eighteen for the sum of

eight pounds, ten shillings, lawful money of Pennsylvania; signed and acknowledged before one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace.

Jacob Schuler died at Lancaster, April 11, 1811. The death date of Regina Mayer Schuler is not recorded. From our files we cite copies of her last Will dated May 15, 1811, and the Register for the Probate of Wills and Granting Letters of Administration dated January 19, 1813. From these two documents we can accurately state that her death occurred in the year 1812. Both are buried at Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Issue of the Schuler-Mayer marriage was eight children as follows:

I. Michael Schuler born January 31, 1763, died March 7, 1769.

II. Anna Maria Magdalena Schuler born March 27, 1769, married Doctor Christian Eberhardt Thomas in 1792. Died at Lebanon, Pennsylvania, in 1847.

III. John Jacob Schuler born July 15, 1770, all trace lost.

IV. George Louis Schuler born April 17, 1772, married Margaret Farley in 1795. Died at Middletown, Pennsylvania, date not recorded.

V. Katarina Schuler born November 29, 1773, died next day.

VI. John Nicholas Schuler born May 18, 1776, married Mary Elizabeth Snyder in 1799. Died at Middletown, Pennsylvania, September 15, 1826.

VII. Juliana Schuler born July 28, 1783, died at birth.

VIII. EVA MARGARETHA SCHULER born November 23, 1784, married JOHN MILEY in 1811.

Brantz Mayer carries on with the genealogy of the Schuler-Mayer Intermarriage into the fourth generation. We do not believe this complete lineage appertains to our History, but a synopsis of the families of Grandmother Miley's two surviving brothers and one surviving sister may be interesting and appropriate for the Miley Family History.

Issue of The Schuler-Thomas Intermarriage in 1792 was eight children, the eldest born in 1793, the youngest in 1808. Of these eight children there is no report for two, which, in our opinion, signifies they either died before maturity or did not marry. The six reporting, married and were the parents of a combined total of fifty-five children.

Issue of The Schuler-Farley Intermarriage in 1795 was five children, the eldest born in 1798, the youngest in 1812. The eldest child, a son, graduated from the United States Military Academy, West Point, in 1822, served six years, resigned in 1828, became a waster, and all authentic trace lost. The other four married and were the parents of a combined total of seventeen children.

Issue of The Schuler-Snyder Intermarriage in 1799, was ten children, the eldest born in 1801, the youngest in 1819. There is no report for four of these children. One son married a first cousin, a daughter of The Schuler-Thomas Intermarriage; his descendants are numbered with that family. The remaining five children, married and were the parents of a combined total of twenty-six children.

In reviewing and attempting to analyze the genealogy of the descendants of Jacob and Dorothea Regina Schuler we ascertain that their children, the second generation, excepting Eva Margaretha, lived and died within the Lancaster area. Their grandchildren, the third generation, are divided about equally as to remaining in the vicinity of Lancaster and in migrating southward and westward; their favorite settling point appears to be the State of Illinois. As to their great grandchildren, the fourth generation, we can only surmise they scattered to all sections of our land and as of today, 1964, the descendants of Jacob and Dorothea Regina Schuler would be too numerous to reckon.

In further review and assumption, especially in regard to Eva Margaretha Schuler, we note there was a difference of twenty years between the birth of the first child and last child of the Jacob Schuler Family; also the marriages of the three older children occurred in 1792, 1795, 1799

and the respective birth dates of their eldest child as 1793, 1798, 1801. As of this later date, Eva Margaretha was seventeen years of age and did not marry until ten years later. From this we conclude that by 1811 the above families were fairly well established and that, either by choice or necessity, Eva Margaretha had remained at Lancaster to care for her parents, both of whom then were well beyond the allotted three score and ten years. Our final conclusion is that it was an amicable and just dispensation that Eva Margaretha Schuler was named as the sole beneficiary of the estate of Dorothea Regina Schuler. We are privileged to have a copy of this will and take pleasure in presenting to you the full text of The Last Will and Testament of Regina Schuler, executed over one hundred and fifty years ago.

“In the Name of God Amen.

“I Regina Schuler of the Borough of Lancaster in the County of Lancaster and State of Pennsylvania, Widow and Relict of Jacob Schuler late of the said Borough of Lancaster deceased, being of sound and disposing Mind, Memory and Understanding Do make and declare this my Last Will and Testament in Manner following to wit; Imprimis it is my Will and I do order and direct that my just Debts and Funeral Expenses be paid and satisfied as soon as conveniently may be done after my Decease. Item, I do give, devise and bequeath unto my Daughter Margaret Shuler, all my Estate Real and Personal whatsoever and wheresoever the same may be. To hold to her my said Daughter Margaret, her Heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns to and for her and their proper use Benefit and Behoof forever. And I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my trusty Friend Nathaniel Smith of the said Borough of Lancaster sole executor of this my Last Will and Testament; Hereby revoking all former and other Will or Wills by me made and declaring this and no other to be and contain my Last Will and Testament. In

Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the fifteenth Day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Eleven.”

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the Testatrix Regina Schuler in the presence of two witnesses.

From the above will we learn that Eva Margaretha, like her husband, preferred the more American names in electing to be known as Margaret. This was still true thirty-seven years later as a tax receipt we have at hand states that Margaret Miley paid Holmes County a personal property tax of sixty-seven cents for the year 1848. As further confirmation it has been noted the inscription on her original tombstone identified her as Margaret Miley.

Some years ago it was discovered that time and the elements were fast obliterating the lettering on the Ripley Cemetery monuments of the older Mileys. In 1948, through the beneficence of Mrs. Louis Miley, inexpensive but durable additional memorials were erected so the names and dates should not be lost to posterity. The sepulchre of Eva Margaretha or Margaret Miley is now known as Eva M. Miley, since space on the substitution did not permit the expanse of more engraving. Your writers will continue reference by her original given name in the subsequent pages.

After Grandfather John Miley's death in 1845, Grandmother Eva Margaretha Schuler Miley continued her residence at the homestead in Holmes County with her two sons, David Miley and Levi Miley. She died December 10, 1870, and is buried in Ripley Church Cemetery.

4. THE BALTIMORE BRANCH OF THE MAYER FAMILY

Although the Miley Families are not immediate descendants of The Brantz Mayer Branch, we are of the same blood, cousins, however quite removed. In recognition of Mr. Mayer's extensive work, we think it only

proper to include in our History, a sketch of the Baltimore Branch of the Mayer Family.

George Bartholomew Mayer, great great grandfather of our grandmother, Mrs. John Miley; father of Christopher Bartholomew Mayer, the first Mayer immigrant and our forefather; had a brother Marcus Mayer, born in Ulm, April 18, 1684, died in Ulm, July 21, 1740. Marcus Mayer's son was Christian Mayer (first of name) born in Ulm, September 18, 1714, died August 5, 1788. Christian Mayer (first of name) had a son, Johannes Mayer, born August 21, 1741, died September 11, 1809 in Ulm. Johannes Mayer's son was Christian Mayer (second of name) born in Ulm, September 30, 1763; immigrated to America in 1784; married Anna Katarine Baum who was born in Pennsylvania April 1, 1767; and became the Founder of the Baltimore Branch of The Mayer Family. Christian Mayer (second of name) was well educated and engaged in commerce both in Germany and America. The issue of this marriage was nine children, five of whom died in infancy; Brantz Mayer and the other three survivors remained in Baltimore, married and raised families. Christian Mayer (second of name) died September 14, 1842, and is buried in Baltimore.

5. THE MAYER FAMILY SUMMARY

In summary, eulogy and conclusion of the ancestors of Grandmother Eva Margaretha Schuler Miley, permit us to condense the words of Mr. Mayer published in 1878, written nearly one hundred years ago. We quote:

"The family name of Mayer is very old among the patronymics of Germany and the Netherlands. Philologists derive it from the comparative degree of Magnus—the J of the Latin Major getting the sound of Y on the German tongue, thus turned into Mayor. Major was probably first used as a descriptive designation of a person indicating comparative bodily size

or strength, and next a distinction founded on rank attained. Throughout many centuries of German contact with other languages and dialects, the name has derived ten or more forms of spelling, both in German and English. In all languages it seems to be a descriptive title or name founded on bodily or mental qualities. The Mayers can only surmise that their original Major was some human comparative degree, who was either more stalwart in body or brighter in mind than somebody else.

“Our first known ancestors lived among live folk in stirring times and witnessed great events: the invention of printing; the discovery of America; the Lutheran Reformation; the publication of the Bible; the dawn of faith’s freedom—the forerunner of personal liberty. In the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries the Mayers served their German Emperors and Spanish Kings as soldiers. For military merit and service they were honored by their sovereigns in 1570.* After the middle ages our ancestors seem not to have concerned themselves with soldiership. They were brought up to work, thrift and independence; and given all the advantages of teaching and travel within their parent’s means. Since the middle of the eighteenth century the Ulmer-Mayers and their alliances by marriages, in the most cases, have been occupied either with commerce and finance; or engaged in learned callings as engineers, authors, lawyers, or professors; while some have served their cities, state or nation in civil or military positions of trust and honor. Some have been mechanics; very few clergymen or physicians and none professional politicians.

*Records at Vienna, Austria, and Ulm, Germany, (1878) stated that “Lorenz Mayer bore the arms and crests, which were granted in the year 1570 by Emperor Maximilian II, To His Mayers, in consideration of their merit

"I mention it as an honorable trait which should always be held in remembrance that in nearly four centuries of recorded history no member of the family in Europe or America has been known to cast a disgraceful shadow on the name."

6. THE MILEY PIONEERS

Your narrators are aware that history, fiction, movies and television portray early American days in an excellent manner. We, the Mileys, can also depict some scenes from that epoch. Ours are not invented nor imagined. Ours are authentic Miley contributions to the American way of life as told to their descendants by our own flesh and blood, the Miley pioneers themselves. The following are condensations from their recordings.

In referring to his grandfather and grandmother, John and Eva Margaretha Miley, Louis Miley wrote:

"Their advantages were few compared with ours today (1900). Markets were few and far between. No railroads existed; telephone and telegraph lines were unthought of when they started out in life. Grandfather drew what grain he had to sell as far as forty miles, taking three days for the trip. Grandmother would walk and carry her butter and eggs to Wooster, a distance of fourteen miles, bringing home a few

(cont.) and of military services rendered not only to his Majesty, but to the Emperors Charles V; Ferdinand I; and King Philip of Spain, during more than thirty years, in wars against the Turks, and other foes of the house of Austria, and of the Empire."

Thus, through Eva Margaretha Schuler, Dorothea Regina Mayer and Christopher Bartholomew Mayer, descendants of John Miley are entitled to display the Mayer coat of arms.

groceries in return. My recollections of her as a grandma were all that a young boy could wish. They were conscientious, always striving for the right, and never faltered in well doing."

Rhoda Josephine Miley Dunham tells us that in 1832 when her father, Jacob Miley, was a youth of eighteen years in Columbiana County, a drover hired him to assist in driving a large herd of cattle to Baltimore, Maryland. There were no railroads and this was the only means of transportation. For the first couple of days the men would stampede the cattle until they were tired and easy to drive. In the afternoon one helper would go ahead to make arrangements for grazing fields for the cattle and lodging for themselves in some tavern, which were plentiful along the way.

After disposing of the herd in Baltimore, he returned to Columbiana County by the way of Pittsburg, where he tarried to see his grandparents and his aunt. His journey home, alone and on foot, was filled with various experiences, such as would-be robbers, murderers and horse thieves. Upon returning home he hired out at farm work, receiving twenty-five, thirty-five, and a few times as high as fifty cents a day for his labors. He carefully saved this until he could purchase his own farm.

Miley pioneering did not end with our first forefathers' settling in Holmes County, Ohio. Of the eight children of John and Eva Margaretha Miley, David and Levi remained in Holmes County, married, raised their families and lived out their lives on the land purchased by their father in 1835. The other six children: John, Jacob, George, Rachel, Matthias and Jessie migrated further west to Fulton County, Ohio, where all but Jesse settled on their own farms. Jesse moved on, first to Whiteside County, Illinois, then on to Adams County, Iowa, where he, too, settled on his own farm.

Jacob Miley was the first of the second generation of Miley pioneers. Jacob Miley was thrice married. There was no issue with the first two marriages. Issue of the

third marriage was David Rufus Miley and Rhoda Josephine Miley Dunham. As to the Miley-Dunham marriage there was no issue. In the marriage of the son, we can only state accurately that one daughter, Blanche Maud Miley, was born in 1876. We regret that we can not give more information as to the descendants of Jacob Miley. Our aim here is to point out that for the great majority of the descendants of John Miley, Jacob Miley was yours and our great uncle.

Not every present-day American family can claim a pioneering ancestor. Still less American families, even though they have descended from early American pioneers, have a record of the true and spoken words of their forefathers. We appreciate Mrs. Dunham's efforts in preserving her father's own statements. With this in mind, and after much deliberation, we have decided not to condense our next pages, but rather, give you the text in its entirety, word for word, as spoken by Jacob Miley and recorded by his daughter. The following are Jacob Miley's own statements.

"In the month of September 1838, I started on foot from Holmes County, Ohio, traveling through by the way of Jeromesville below Lower Sandusky and from the later place through the Black Swamp to Perrysburg. The Maumee River at this time was very low; a man came along with an ox team and we forded the river in his wagon. Across the Maumee, I went up the river to Presque Isle Hill and from here to Monclova and then through the openings to Swanton; from Swanton to a Mr. Jones, passing through the six mile woods. There was quite an excitement here over the death of a man killed by a falling tree. It was very thinly settled here. I then traveled through the openings till I came to the home of Moses Ayers, who lived in what is now known as Dover Township. On the following day he and I came down into Clinton Township, this County, (Fulton) it was part of Lucas

County at that time. I then selected the home site where I afterwards lived.

"On the next morning I started for Lima where the Government Office was located. I went by the way of a little village on Bean Creek now known as Lockport. Here they had a small water mill, the belting used in the same being bass wood bark. The mill was used for cracking corn for the Indians and the few whites settled there. A small store was kept by a man named Hull who traded goods to the Indians for their furs. From this place I went south, soon coming to the creek again, which I crossed on driftwood. Continuing southward Defiance was in due time reached; here I forded the Maumee with a man in a wagon. I then went up along the Auglaise River through the Indian cornfields to Blanchards Fork, here crossed the Auglaise on driftwood, arriving at Lima.

"I bought my land of The United States Government paying \$1.25 per acre. I then returned to Holmes County, made preparations to move, which I did in February 1839.

"My father-in-law, Moses Wells, moved us in a wagon. When we came to the Black Swamp (between Fremont and Toledo) the mud was very deep; it was thirty one miles through this swamp and it took us two days to get through it. There were no less than thirty two taverns in this thirty one miles. The journey was without incident, being nearly the same traveled by me the previous year. We arrived at the home of Moses Ayers on the seventeenth day of February 1839.

"On the following day I took my ax and started for my new home about five miles southward. Having cut the logs for my cabin I hired an ox team of Peter Andre and drew them together. On the third day Peter Andre, Peter Minich and myself raised the cabin and covered it; the size being sixteen feet by eighteen feet which answered for the purpose of

kitchen, dining room, sleeping room, parlor, etc. On the following day I cut out a place for a door and also a place for a mud chimney, putting in an unhewn puncheon floor. We moved in on the fifth day after cutting the first log.

"On that night a twelve inch snow fell; having no door, we hung up a quilt which answered the purpose for a long time. The quilt was replaced by a clap-board door fastened together by wooden pins as we had no nails. Light was admitted through a small window having but two eight by ten lights. Being very busy in the day time in clearing, I chinked and daubed the cabin at night. We had our fire where the chimney was to be. The last I did was to build the chimney with mud and sticks and put in the window.

"It was very wet all around, there being scarcely any dry land; as a consequence, nearly everyone suffered with ague, chills and fever. The water got off only by evaporation being no ditches. This and mosquitoes were a terror. In summer we kept log heaps burning for our stock. They would stand in the smoke till they could no longer endure it, then run frantically through the woods with a swarm of flies and mosquitoes so thick the animals could not be seen. I had two calves and a colt eaten raw and killed by them. At night we built a fire, a smudge we called it, in an old kettle or pan out of damp rotten wood, set it out side in front of the door, that the smoke might keep the mosquitoes out; we also tied quilts over our high post bed steads that we might get our rest at night. This was a part of pioneer life. Our nearest trading station and grist mill was Mau-mee and Canadagua, Michigan.

"Shortly after I came, Joseph Wells settled one mile south of my place. My father had given me a horse and he had one horse. We joined them together for a team and did our work together for a few years. Sometimes I would hire an ox team from Peter Andre,

working back for the use of it, to help more rapidly with our work. Later I became able to buy an ox team of my own.

"The Indians were our nearest neighbors. I became acquainted with several who could talk a little English. They never molested us, but as a general thing were quite friendly. One winter day our cabin door opened and an Indian and two squaws walked in. The squaws sat down on the floor beside the fire place; Indians always sat on the floor or ground. One of the squaws was sick with a very bad cough. They took their moccasins off their feet and scraped the ice and snow off while the man paced the floor with his gun on his shoulder, all the while talking very sternly to the squaws in their language. They began crying bitterly. I told him to place the gun outside the door; he did so, then took a large knife out of the sheath in his belt and began whetting it on his hand still walking back and forth in the room and talking. I told him to place his knife in his belt. He did as I requested, turned to the squaws, gave them one savage command. They sprang to their feet and started for their camp about a mile east of my place, he walking behind in their tracks, as was their custom. Indians always walk one behind the other and the one with the largest feet behind, hence, they could not be tracked.

"A few days later a band of Indians was coming from near Bean Creek. This sick squaw was one of the number; she fell in the deep snow by the wayside; the rest went on and left her. Dr. Hyde was then our pioneer practicing physician. He came along, saw her; she seemed to be suffering very much. He dismounted, went to her side resolved to give her a dose of medicine to make her last hours more peaceful; then thought, if an Indian should be in hiding he would be killed; he left her, mounted his horse and went on. The next day the Indians took her away. She proved

to be the wife of the Indian Chief with the two squaws who had stopped at my cabin a few days before.

"A settler bought a tract of land some miles north of my location. Indians came often to a plot of ground on his farm and watched him very closely. He made inquiry of the settlers and was told that plot was an Indian burying ground. He wished to please the Indians and the first thing he did was to plow the ground and sow it to red clover. Then out of down timber split rails and fenced it while the Indians kept watch. At times he was afraid to work there; the Indians visited the place every day and looked over the fence but did not venture to climb over. In due time it was a mass of red blossoms. Some of the Indians who could speak a little English asked if they could pick some of the blossoms. He made them understand that this was their property and not his; that he had done this for them. Ever after the Indians were his best friends.

"Having sold their land to the government the Indians reserved the wild game and left three years after I came here for an Indian Reservation in the west. Their leaving was a sorrowful time for them. They gathered on the banks of the Maumee River, walked up and down the banks and their lamentations could be heard a great distance. They lamented leaving their happy hunting grounds, but most of all, their dead buried here.

"Wild deer were numerous here but wildcats and wolves were more so. A short time after I moved here a family by the name of Gerringer bought a tract of land east of mine and settled there. They had a horse die; they dragged it back of the house some distance on a knoll; built a brush heap over it and in the evening set fire to it. The scent of burning flesh brought the howling wolves for miles around. Of all the fighting I ever heard was done around that fire that night. Mr. Gerringer barricaded their

windows and door in fear the wolves would break in. In the morning the wolves had disappeared and all was quiet again.

"Church was held in our log cabin and barns, there being no meeting houses at this time. I became a member of the Disciples or Church of Christ at this time receiving the ordinance of baptism in Brush Creek, near Spring Hill. My baptism was the first in Lucas, now Fulton County. Later we organized a church with the few members that were here. There were twelve charter members. Some years later we built a small church house in Spring Hill.

"On December 6, 1846, my wife Delilah died. I did my own housework, living alone until the following fall, when Brother John, his wife and three children, Henry, William, and Thomas, moved from Holmes County to my home. They lived with me that winter; his good wife Betsey did the housework. Brother John bought a farm four and one half miles southeast of my place. He taught school that winter; he was lame caused by white swelling when a boy; on account of this he decided to teach school winters. I will say this here, when we were boys in Columbiana County, Ohio, I went with him to attend his first examination. We walked several miles to the examiners home. The examiner gave him a book to read a few verses, then pronounced some words in spelling, set a copy for him to write, gave him a few problems in arithmetic; all was done to the examiner's satisfaction, which only took a short time. He said, 'you are fully qualified for teaching,' turned to a table and wrote out his certificate. We walked home proud to know we had a school master in our family. Brother John worked on his farm on Saturdays, erected his log cabin and in the spring moved from my place to their new home."

We conclude Jacob Miley's statements with Mrs. Dunham's conclusion: "Jacob Miley was a man highly respected by all who knew him, generous, noble hearted,

and when he passed away every one said a good and noble character had been taken from our midst. Jacob Miley died April 20, 1894, and is buried in Wauseon Cemetery."

The name Miley and the word Education have been synonymous since the origin of The Miley Family. Our earliest ancestors recognized that children must learn and parents must teach; and that to have helped a child grow is one of life's greatest privileges. For generations The Mileys have not only encouraged their descendants in better education with all the resources at their command, but also have served their communities as teachers and professors, officers and members of boards of education and public affairs; they, too, have aided with their influence and by their ballots in the transition from the one room school to the mighty school system of today with an enrollment of over fifty million boys and girls. Miley education does not end with school days, but continues throughout their years by their own self-determination for more knowledge to such a degree that we can justly and proudly say, as a family, The Mileys ranked second to none in education.

We acclaim John Miley (second of name), first child of John and Eva Margaretha Miley, as the pioneer Miley formal educator. Again we refer to our files and again we offer our thanks to our forefathers in preserving a hand written contract executed over one hundred and twenty-five years ago between John Miley, Junior, and the trustees of a school district in Columbiana County, Ohio, which we now put forth in its entirety.

"Article of an agreement made the 30th Day of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirty five, Between John Miley, Junior, of West Township, Columbiana County and State of Ohio on the first part and we the undersigned of the other witnesses that the said Miley doth agree to teach an English school in the school-house of the Sixth District, that is, spelling, reading, writing and arithmetic for and in consideration of One Dollar and Fifty Cents for each scholar signed

and sent for the term of three months and doth agree to use his endeavors to keep a good moral school and give each scholar an equal share of care in the afore-said Branches of Learning and to be governed by John Gley, Michael Fedegle and James Cofield who are trustees for said school, and said trustees are to use their influence in assisting said Miley in governing said school and we the undersigned are to furnish suitable books, paper and such things needful for such scholars we send and to pay said Miley at the expiration of the time. School to commence as soon as there is a sufficiency of scholars made up for 1835."

(Signed by five subscribers)

John Miley, second of name, was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania on May 30, 1812; died at his farm home in Clinton Township, Fulton County, Ohio, on February 20, 1902; burial in Wauseon Cemetery.

7. THE MILEYS AND THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

A Miley Family History would not be complete without a deference to Religion. From the recorded history of our forefathers, religion was a dominating factor in their lives. The earliest writings tell us that both our ancestral grandparents were members of The German Lutheran Church. As far as your writers can discern, the Lancaster and the Baltimore branches of The Mayer Families, also the Noble and Guernsey County branches of The Miley Family, retained their Lutheran connections in America.

Shortly after coming to Holmes County, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. John Miley accepted the doctrine of Alexander Campbell, who, in 1809, was the founder of The Disciples of Christ; now more commonly known as The Church of Christ or The Christian Church. Our family religious affiliation had its origin in Ripley Township, Holmes

County, Ohio, with The Disciples of Christ Church. This church now prefers to be designated as The Ripley Church of Christ and will be referred to as such in the forthcoming.

In this doctrine our ancestors found their interpretation of The Gospel, imparted its teachings to their descendants to the extent that even today a large majority cling to the same faith. Even though some of the descendants may have adopted other doctrines, all of our roots are deep in the traditions of The Ripley Church of Christ. When we visit this shrine we walk the same ground our forefathers trod one hundred and twenty-five years ago. For generations it has been the common burial grounds for the Mileys and their alliances. With this in mind we consider it fitting and appropriate to place in our Records a history of The Ripley Church of Christ and The Miley connections therewith. We now quote, in part, from the 1936 Centennial Program of The Ripley Church of Christ.

The history of The Ripley Church began in 1834 when a meeting was held in John B. Brown's cabin. At this meeting there were three baptisms. In 1835, meetings were held in James Riddle's cabin on three different occasions and another meeting in the Critchfield barn. In 1836, James Porter preached in the Critchfield school house and organized The Church of Christ, Ripley Township, Holmes County, Ohio. There were twenty-one charter members. Among the names of the charter members appears Mr. and Mrs. Moses Wells, who, in 1838, became the father and mother-in-law of Jacob Miley. In 1837, among the names added to the membership are Mr. and Mrs. John Miley and MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM GARRETT. The Garretts were later to become the common father and mother-in-law of three Miley brothers. In 1841, an acre of land was purchased from the Critchfield farm and a house of worship was erected; the site being the same as the present day location. The deed to the land shows William Garrett as one of the two trustees. One of the two elders in 1858 was David Miley.

Then came the Civil War. The church struggled along with no preaching most of the time, but every Lord's Day a prayer meeting and communion were held. The Nashville church disbanded after the war and many of its members united with the Ripley Church, bringing its membership up to two hundred. Among the leading families mentioned at that time are David Miley and Levi Miley; also Samuel Boner, later to become the father-in-law of Jennie Miley, daughter of Levi Miley.

In 1872, a new house of worship was erected. Four years later, the Ripley Church reorganized the Nashville Church, and later aided in building five other churches: Shreve, Wooster, Fredericksburg, Loudonville and Weeping Water, Nebraska. Ripley provided funds for two parsonages, Shreve and Nashville. Ripley also gave up her best workers to Shreve, Wooster, Akron, Canton, Columbus and Millersburg. In a list of the leading members in 1880 and 1890 is the name of Hiram Boner, husband of Jennie Miley, who, after retiring from farming, was sent out by the Ripley Church as a minister. He was a great help to the weaker churches. In Memoriam to those who had passed away since the seventy-fifth anniversary in 1911 is the name of Eliza Miley, widow of Levi Miley.

As of 1936, a great granddaughter of one of the charter members of the Ripley Church of Christ, Miss Ethel Shreve, had been in India for fifteen years as a Living Link Missionary of the Shreve Christian Church. Thus, from its humble beginnings, through such leaders as mentioned herein, The Ripley Church of Christ has made her influence felt around the world.

8. THE MILEY FAMILIES OF NOBLE AND GUERNSEY COUNTIES, OHIO

In introducing this chapter we refer to the Louis Miley recording of 1937. We quote:

"In 1900 we (The John Miley Family of Holmes County) had only a slight acquaintance with the Noble and Guernsey Counties Miley Families. Since that time we have come in contact with a great many of them. From what we have learned, as well as they, all concerned are reasonably assured that their forefathers and ours came from the same parent stem. By comparing pictures of their older people with pictures of our older ones, we found a striking resemblance. In our association with them we found them to be very nice people. We have had three joint reunions with them at Coshocton, Ohio, the last Sunday in July 1933 - 1935 and 1937."

A listing of the names and addresses of those attending the 1933 reunion is attached to the copy of our unknown author's history of the Noble and Guernsey Counties Miley Families. This record informs us that upward of one hundred and fifty of the Miley name and blood, with their alliances, attended this assemblage. Of this total some thirty represented the John Miley Families of Holmes County. Although we still do not have any authentic connections, we, of the living generations, will accept our forefathers' conclusions that some kinship exists. We consider it deserving and we are honored to associate the early history of The Noble and Guernsey Counties Miley Families with our Miley Family History.

The Miley Families of Noble and Guernsey Counties, Ohio, are of German, Scotch and Irish descent. George Miley, the only known ancestor and the Founder of the Noble and Guernsey Counties Miley Families, came from Germany with his father and three brothers. They settled in Monnongalia County, Virginia, which is now part of West Virginia. Since there is no recording of the other members of this immigrating party we infer that all traces have been lost. We are also lacking any information as to early dates, except the birth date of one of the second generation; and from this date we will compute the dates as appearing in the next paragraph.

George Miley was born in Germany about the year 1775, immigrated to America as a youth and married Jane Moore about the year 1796. Their first child, Abraham Miley, was born in 1798, and their second child, John Miley, was born December 6, 1801, in Monnongalia County, Virginia. George Miley was killed at a raising about the year 1803. It is stated that at the time of their father's death, Abraham Miley was five years old and John Miley was two years old.

After six years of widowhood, Jane Moore Miley, in 1809, married George Rich, a native of Pennsylvania. In 1811, Abraham and John Miley, with their mother and step-father, moved to Ohio and settled in what is now known as Buffalo Township, Noble County. Our unknown author states that this family were probably the first white people to reside in this area.

Abraham Miley settled in Wayne Township and married Rachel Millhone in 1823. They were the parents of seven children; namely, Jane - Elizabeth - John - Margaret - Norman - Mary and George. There is no further record of this family, excepting that most of them remained in the vicinity of Guernsey and Noble Counties and engaged in farming.

John Miley married Elizabeth Kackley, February 23, 1825. She was born in Frederick County, Virginia, in 1807 and moved to Ohio in 1817. They settled in Seneca Township and were the parents of eleven children; namely, Sarah - George - Jane - Isaac - Emily - Hannah - Jerimiah - William - Eliza - Mary and John. They were members of The Lutheran Church and highly respected in their community. John Miley died May 27, 1883; his wife, Elizabeth, died December 24, 1894. Our unknown author states that as of 1933, the government land entered by John Miley is still owned and operated by his descendants. As like the Abraham Miley Family, most of John Miley's immediate descendants remained in the area of their birth and were farmers by occupation.

such a project was even thought of. It was a time when Washington was yet a youth and even before his character was formed. It was the early colonial period; a time when the French and English began seriously to talk about sending exploring parties west of the Alleghenys; years before the first permanent settlement in Ohio. The growth of the American spirit, the events and the results of the Revolutionary period, the development of the country, bear corresponding dates to the immigration of 1752 and the ancestral descent of The Miley Family.

Our forefathers have passed onto us a heritage of courage, of determination, of honor and of work. Through toil, sweat and self denial they became people of substance and stability. They came to this country and with their own labor built homes and cities, factories and farms out of the wilderness. Their tiny crops forecast the abundance of Ohio's fertile lands. Their water wheels and grist mills were the forerunners of vast power and huge industries. In their humble log cabins they held the vision of today's modern, comfortable and convenient homes.

In over a century and a half of progress, Ohio has undergone almost complete transformation. The forests have all but disappeared; the Indian trails are super-highways filled with more dangers to the life of the traveler than they were years ago. The settlements have become huge, prosperous cities affording work and shelter to millions.

Only a few things remain unchanged:

This is still a country of opportunity for those who are willing to work. The frontier has long since moved westward, but the frontier of opportunity remains a challenge to all with courage to dare and to do. Our vast industrial potential opens the gate to inventive genius and mechanical skill in the new Atomic Age. Our numerous schools, colleges and universities challenge the imagination and fire the ambition of generations to come.

One other important factor in our country's development remains unchanged.

Our faith in God, our prayers for help and guidance and our Thanksgiving. A firm, vigorous faith is interwoven in every phase of our Miley Heritage and here it has remained, our strength in peace and war, our guide and protector in prosperity and privation. This unchanged faith is our strongest bond with the ancestors who have come here before us. Today we voice the same prayers, the same hopes, the same dreams they did so long ago.

Let us ask Him to inspire us with the same vision and courage that led our first forefathers across mountains and rivers, to brave dangers and to overcome adversities. For these and all of His multitude of blessings, we, the living generations of 1964, give thanks.

Paul Newcomer Miley

PART II. THE JOHN MILEY FAMILY

John Miley, first of name, born in Germany, September 15, 1784, married in the year 1811, Eva Margaretha Schuler, born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, November 23, 1784. He died September 15, 1845. She died December 10, 1870. Both are buried in Ripley Church of Christ Cemetery, Holmes County, Ohio.

Issue of their marriage was eight children, seven sons and one daughter.

I. John Miley, second of name, born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, May 30, 1812.

II. Jacob Miley, first of name, born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, July 4, 1814.

III. George Miley, first of name, born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, December 12, 1816.

IV. Rachel Miley, first of name, born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, February 14, 1819.

V. Matthias Miley born in Columbiana County, Ohio March 21, 1821.

VI. David Miley, first of name, born in Columbiana County, Ohio, December 4, 1824.

VII. Levi Miley, first of name, born in Columbiana County, Ohio, February 5, 1828.

VIII. Jesse Miley, first of name, born in Columbiana County, Ohio, March 4, 1830.

I. John Miley, second of name, married on August 15, 1837, Elizabeth Peterson, born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, December 20, 1813. Resided in Fulton County, Ohio. Issue five children.

1. Henry Miley born February 17, 1838.

2. Thomas Miley born December 18, 1841.

3. William C. Miley born January 22, 1844.

4. Jacob Miley, second of name, born August 2, 1850.
5. Margaret E. Miley born July 24, 1852.

II. Jacob Miley, first of name, was thrice married.

First, on April 19, 1838, to Delilah Wells, born in Holmes County, Ohio, March 26, 1817. She died December 6, 1846. No issue.

Secondly, on October 28, 1848, to Sarah Berry, born in Pennsylvania, March 10, 1820. She died February 25, 1850. No issue.

Thirdly, on April 8, 1851, to Elizabeth Goodrich, born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, April 20, 1829. Resided in Fulton County, Ohio. Issue two children.

1. David Rufus Miley born February 13, 1853.
2. Rhoda Josephine Miley born August 3, 1862.

III. George Miley, first of name, on March 21, 1839, married Letitia Wells, born in Wayne County, Ohio, December 23, 1821. Resided in Fulton County, Ohio. Issue nine children.

1. Jesse Miley, second of name, born May 29, 1840.
2. Benjamin Miley born July 4, 1842.
3. William Biram Miley born January 30, 1845.
4. Mary Ellen Miley born August 21, 1847, died October 23, 1848.
5. Rufus Miley born November 1, 1849, died September 4, 1853.
6. Levi Miley, second of name, born February 25, 1852.
7. Enos S. Miley born April 7, 1855.
8. George Hadsel Miley born December 3, 1857.
9. Laura Rebecca Miley born July 7, 1861.

IV. Rachel Miley, first of name, was twice married.

First, on January 26, 1837, to William McConkey, born in Wayne County, Ohio, November 8, 1814. Resided in Wayne County. He died in 1847. Issue four children.

1. Levi McConkey born April 22, 1839.
2. Margaret McConkey born April 22, 1839, (twins).
3. Adaline McConkey born June 4, 1841, died December 21, 1847.
4. Isaiah McConkey born May 14, 1845.

Secondly, married on July 21, 1853, James Wells, born December 20, 1819. Resided in Fulton County, Ohio. Issue two children.

1. Sophronia Wells born June 16, 1854.
2. Rachel Wells born August 5, 1858.

V. Matthias Miley was twice married. First, on April 21, 1843, to Delilah Cramer, born in Pennsylvania June 23, 1824. Resided in Fulton County, Ohio. She died November 18, 1863. Issue eleven children.

1. Joseph Miley born December 9, 1844, died January 15, 1845.
2. Catharine Miley born April 27, 1846.
3. Rachel Miley, second of name, born April 15, 1848.
4. Elizabeth Miley born January 6, 1852.
5. Harvey Miley born August 24, 1853.
6. George Miley, second of name, born April 10, 1855.
7. Mary Miley born February 25, 1857.
8. Eli Miley born December 26, 1858.
9. Elisha Miley born September 25, 1860.
10. Delilah Miley born April 11, 1862.
11. Elmina Miley born October 3, 1863, died September 10, 1864.

Secondly, married on September 20, 1868, Catharine Garrett, born April 14, 1827, in Muskingum County, Ohio. Issue one child.

1. Amos Miley, second of name, born October 25, 1869.

VI. David Miley, first of name, married on March 27, 1849, Elizabeth Garrett, who was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, April 14, 1827. Resided in Holmes County. Issue four sons.

1. Harmon Miley born June 24, 1851.
2. Amos Miley born May 18, 1856, died July 15, 1860.
3. Louis Miley born June 2, 1859.
4. Elias Miley born September 19, 1861.

VII. Levi Miley, first of name, was twice married.

First, on March 16, 1851, Isabel McFarland, born in Holmes County, Ohio, on June 24, 1830. Resided in Holmes County. She died January 4, 1861. Issue four children.

1. Sarah Ellen Miley born November 9, 1851.
2. Eliza Miley born August 30, 1853, died August 31, 1853.
3. Emma Louisa Miley born September 15, 1854, died September 7, 1856.
4. Jennie Miley born August 23, 1860.

Secondly, married on April 10, 1862, Eliza Garrett, born in Holmes County, March 2, 1841. Issue three children.

1. Belinda Florence Miley born June 13, 1863, died November 22, 1865.
2. Leonard Sherman Miley born July 9, 1865.
3. Adaline Margaret Miley born November 4, 1867.

VIII. Jesse Miley, first of name, married on May 27, 1852, Jane Evans, born August 15, 1830, in Holmes County, Ohio. Resided at Carl, Adams County, Iowa. Issue five children.

1. Mattie A. Miley, born in Holmes County, Ohio, March 25, 1853.
2. Alverda J. Miley born in Whiteside County, Illinois, May 27, 1856.
3. Maggie L. Miley born in Linn County, Iowa, February 5, 1858.

4. Oliver B. Miley born in Linn County, Iowa, February 28, 1860.
5. Levi J. Miley born in Linn County, Iowa, April 10, 1862.

The preceding is the complete genealogy of the John Miley Family including the third generation as recorded by Brantz Mayer in 1878 and verified by Louis Miley in his work of 1900. Mr. Mayer does carry on with the Miley lineage into the fourth and fifth generations where the marriages and issues occurred prior to 1879. This information is so fragmentary as to names and dates that it would be of little value to this History. However, we do believe a general digest of this knowledge will be instructive to us and to posterity; and also, an aid to your writers in arriving at a mythical conclusion in an endeavor to estimate the number of John Miley's descendants to the present date.

The First Generation

John and Eva Margaretha Miley were the parents of eight children; the birth year of the eldest, 1812; the youngest, 1830. All eight survived to maturity, married and raised families—a remarkable fact for that early day of high infant mortality.

The Second Generation

The first of their original marriages occurred in 1837, the last in 1852; the year differences correspond almost identically to the age variances. Issue of these marriages was forty-two children, the first born in 1838, the last in 1863. Eight of these children died in infancy. The first of their second and third marriages occurred in 1848, the last in 1868. Issue of these marriages was eight children, the first born in 1853, the last in 1869. One of these children died in infancy. We consider the lineage of the third generation was completed with the birth in 1869.

The combined total of the second and third generations births now number fifty-eight descendants of John Miley.

The Third Generation

Of the forty-one survivors of this generation we have authentic reports from only fourteen as to their immediate descendants. The recorded date of their first marriage, 1853; the last, 1875. Combined, these fourteen* were the parents of forty children;* three born in the 1850 decade; seventeen in the 1860 decade and twenty from 1870 to 1878 inclusive. From hearsay and personal information it is our belief that the forty-one grandchildren of John Miley lived to maturity, married and raised families.

The Fourth Generation

We again call attention that the authentically recorded dates by Mr. Mayer ended in 1878. We recognize that as of this date the families of the third generation were not completed and the exact enumeration of the fourth generation will never be known. We can cite the David Miley Family as a basis for a potential calculation of their number. Within this family, Mr. Mayer accounts for one third generation marriage in 1872 and two fourth generation births in 1874 and 1876. Actually, there were two more third generation marriages in 1886 and 1892, resulting in nine more fourth generation births, the first in 1879, the last in 1903. Thus, if we are permitted to use this average of three and two-thirds births to each of our presumptive forty-one third generation marriages, our total fourth generation births would number one hundred fifty more descendants of John Miley.

The Fifth Generation

We can not reconcile ourselves that further use of The David Miley Family as a basis for an attempted census of the entire John Miley fifth generation would be appreciable, justifiable or applicable. Nevertheless, we can make

one positive statement. Reference is to the Miley-McConkey marriage in 1837. Their second child, Margaret McConkey, born in 1839, married Isaiah Wells in 1853. Their first child, Rebecca Jane Wells, born in 1854, married Harvey Sarden in 1873. Their first child, the fifth generation, James William Sarden was born in 1874. Now, our authentic confirmation: As early as the year 1874; only sixty-three years after the marriage of John Miley; only four years after the death of Eva Margaretha Miley; the fifth generation of their descendants was a reality.

Today—1964

One hundred fifty-two years since the birth of the first John Miley descendant, we can only infer that ten or more generations can call the immigrant, John Miley, their progenitor; and that the descendants of John and Eva Margaretha are not now counted by the hundred, but by the thousand.

*A roster of the names and year dates of the Fourth generation births from November 27, 1850 to May 4, 1878 inclusive. The Roman Numerals indicate the Second generation forefather. The Arabic Numerals indicate the Third generation forefather.

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| 1. Cora Orvilla Miley | 1862 |
| Ida Elnor Miley | 1864 |
| Charles E. Miley | 1867 |
| John Miley (third of name) | 1872-1875 |
| William Clarence Miley | 1877 |
| 2. John Charles Miley | 1867 |
| Cora Bell Miley | 1870 |
| Merta Maud Miley | 1872 |
| 3. Edward L. Miley | 1866 |
| William Ulysses Miley | 1868-1870 |

Henry W. Miley	1872
Ira Mason Miley	1876

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| 1. Blanche Maud Miley | 1876 |
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III

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| 1. Ellen A. Miley | 1861 |
| Phena Miley | 1863 |
| Grant Miley | 1866 |
| 2. Ammon B. Miley | 1866 |
| Leveret Walter Miley | 1868 |
| Frederick Miley | 1869 |
| Bertha Estella Miley | 1872 |
| Alexander Miley | 1874 |
| Ernest Miley | 1877 |
| 3. Zeruah L. Miley | 1870 |
| Zenus Ross Miley | 1875 |
| 7. Stella Miley | 1877 |

IV

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| 1. Katharine A. McConkey | 1867 |
| 2. Rebecca Jane Wells | 1854 |
| Delilah Wells | 1857 |
| Thomas Franklin Wells | 1859-1860 |
| Emma Wells | 1861 |
| Hannah Rhett Wells | 1863 |
| Levi Wells | 1865-1865 |
| 4. Mervin W. McConkey | 1868 |

V

No Report

VI

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| 1. Lois Miley | 1874 |
| Dora Campbell Miley | 1876 |

VII

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| 1. Viola Lee | 1873 |
| Bertha Lee | 1875 |

VIII

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| 1. Nellie A. Cramer | 1873 |
| Franklin B. Cramer | 1875 |
| Mamie E. Cramer | 1878 |

PART III

THE
DAVID
MILEY
FAMILY

1851 - 1964



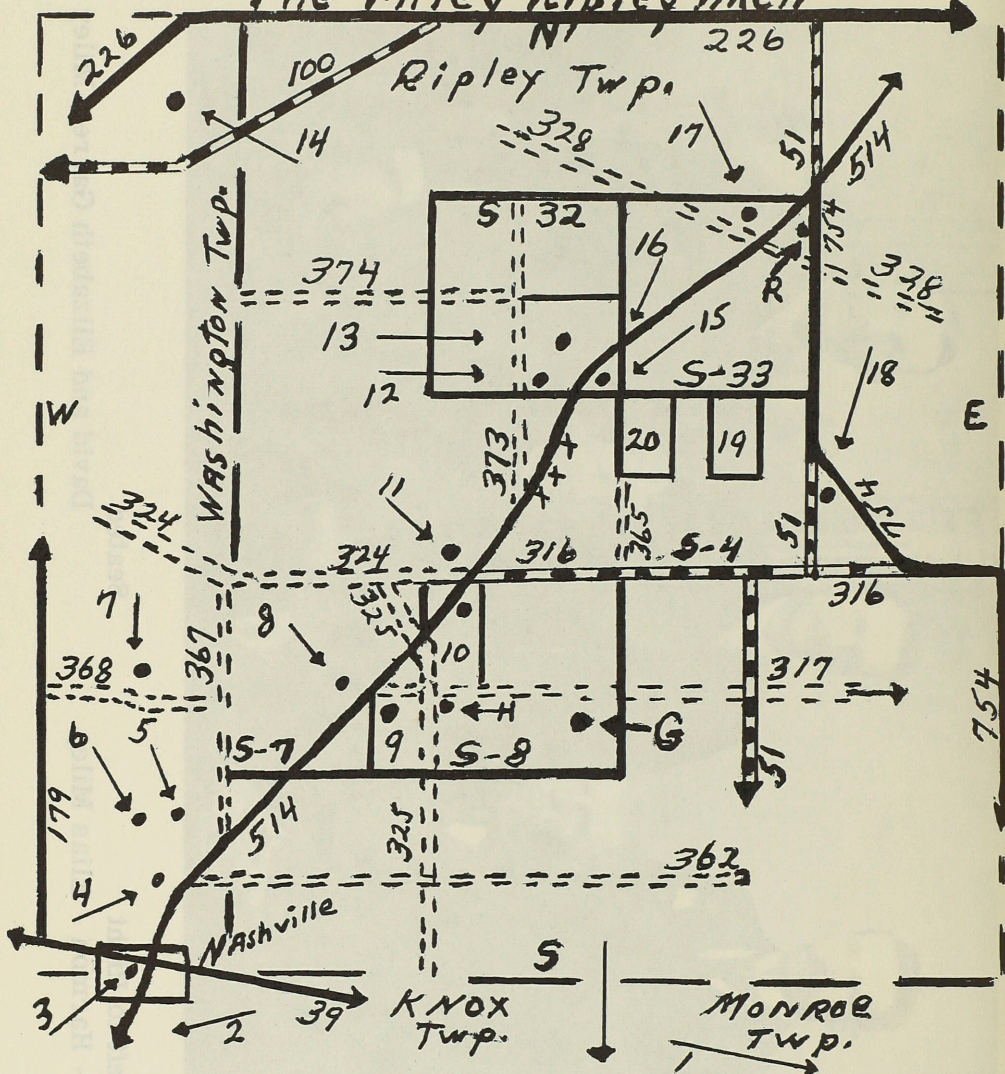
Standing - Left to Right

Louis - Harmon - Elias Miley

Seated

David and Elizabeth Garrett Miley

The Miley Ripley Area



3. THE ORIGIN AND THE PROPAGATION OF THE DAVID MILEY FAMILY

Material for this chapter has been developed from courthouse records, county road map, family interviews and personal research. In the subsequent divisions of The David Miley Family many references, either directly or indirectly, will be made to our reproduction of a section of the Holmes County Road Map. We entitle our drawing: "The Miley Ripley Area."

Looking backwards to the year 1835, we visualize this entire area as a vast forest. There were no roads. Trails served for movement from one place to another. The district served by S. R. 514 from Nashville to Ripley Church, a distance of five miles, abounds in Miley History, Miley Tradition and Miley Lore. The original highway, then known as S. R. 5, had its terminals at Newark, Ohio, and Wooster, Ohio. The survey, alone, for this road was not completed until 1828. In retrospection, it can hardly be expected that the road system as shown on our map could be put into effect for ten or more years later. In prediction, it is possible, but highly improbable, that this road structure will change within the foreseeable future.

Nashville, the pioneer town of our ancestors, 1960 census 234, is located at the intersection of S. R. 39 and S. R. 514, with its corporate limits about evenly divided by Washington and Knox Townships. It is 11 miles N. W. of Millersburg; 7 miles S. E. of Loudonville; 8 miles S. W. of Shreve; 13 miles N. E. of Danville.

The scale of our map is one inch per mile. The scope is twenty-five standard sections or twenty-five square miles, embracing twenty sections in Ripley Township and five sections in Washington Township. We are bounded on the north by Wayne County where we have several past and present day references; but too remote, however, to be included as part of our area. There is no Miley history within the proximity of either our eastern or western boundary lines. We do have past and present day history

to the south. Later pages will indirectly refer to both Knox and Monroe Townships and we consider them a part of our area, even though beyond the scope of our map.

The lightly dotted road lines are township roads; the heavily dotted, county roads; the solid lines, state roads. The large black dots indicate the sites of buildings. Our featured sections are identified by S, their boundary marks being either solid lines or road lines. Divisions within the sections will be referred to later.

The mileage chart for our historical five miles and an identifying table for our numerical symbols follows. This will be an aid to our readers for a better comprehension of the following pages. By the same token it will serve our future pilgrims as a guide.

Distances are computed from Nashville.

TR 362 - 0.5 miles	CR 316 - 2.4 miles
TR 367 - 0.6 "	TR 373 - 2.9 "
TR 317 - 1.8 "	TR 328 - 4.8 "
TR 325 - 2.1 "	Ripley - 5.0 "

Identification of our numeric symbols begin in Monroe Township and progress left to right to Section 4.

1. Frank and Lois Miley Power 1896-1946; 1964—Delmar and Helen Power Donley; 3 mi. east on 39 to TR 452, south 0.5 mi. to TR 310.
2. 1964—Warren and Ellen Miley Massie. S. R. 514 south 1.5 mi.
3. Harmon Miley residence and business 1902-1919.
4. James Leonard and Edith Shank Miley 1945-1956.
5. 1964—Harry and Mildred Miley Pennell.
6. Acquired by John Elias Miley in 1909; rental farm home of Herbert and Ruby Miley; retirement home John Elias and Golda Weimer Miley; 1964—owned, operated, leased by the Pennell family.
7. John Elias Miley farm home 1911-1945.
8. 1964—Ralph and Margaret Massie Miley.
9. Harmon Miley Family 1888-1956. 1.6 mi. from Nashville.

10. Elias Miley 1892-1907. 2.3 mi. from Nashville.
11. Ohio Fuel Gas Co. installation named The Miley Compressor Station in recognition of the Miley pioneers of our area.
12. Levi Miley and family 1835-1850-1916. 0.6 mi. from 373.
13. John Miley and family 1835-1903.
14. Odell's Lake—a favorite setting for old time Miley reunions. Long Lake and Round Lake lie in the adjoining western section, both accessible from S. R. 179, and S. R. 3.
15. David Miley—1835-1873-1903. Hiram and Jennie Miley Boner 1905-1923. 3.7 mi. from Nashville; 0.8 mi. from 373. As of today, 15 is the fourth house from 373 as indicated by our three X marks. A more permanent landmark, a stone's throw from 15, and identified by our 16, a concrete bridge, the only such structure between 373 and 328. At this point we have distorted 514 slightly to the north in order to better show our position. Here we show about twenty acres to the south of the road. Actually there are only about five acres in this segment.
17. Ripley Church and Cemetery, established 1836.
18. Biglow Church and Cemetery, a landmark.
19. William Garrett 1835-1865. David and Levi Miley 1865-1868.
20. David and Levi Miley 1868-1902-1904. Hiram and Jennie Miley Boner 1902-1909.

This is: "The Miley Ripley Area;" this is the land of long ago and the land of today; this is where the name Miley has been prominent, honored and respected continuously for one hundred and thirty years; this is where the romance of The David Miley Family blossomed, bloomed and culminated in marriage one hundred and fifteen years ago; this is where all of our third generation were born; nine of the fourth; seven of the fifth, and ten of the sixth. Your generation, our generation, and all generations to

come, are favored with blessings that our roots were so firmly planted in this: "The Miley Ripley Area."

4. THE SECOND GENERATION. DAVID MILEY

David Miley, the sixth child of John and Eva Margaretha Miley, was born in Columbiana County, Ohio on December 4, 1824. On March 27, 1849, he married Elizabeth Garrett, the sixth child of William and Lucy Garrett. She was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, on April 14, 1827. They were farmers and resided on the land acquired by John Miley in 1835 until their deaths. She died September 3, 1899. He died May 23, 1902. Both are buried in Ripley Cemetery.

Issue of this marriage, four sons, all born at the John Miley log cabin.

- I. Harmon Miley born June 24, 1851.
- II. Amos Miley born May 18, 1856; died July 15, 1860. Buried in Ripley Cemetery.
- III. Louis Miley born June 2, 1859.
- IV. Elias Miley born September 19, 1861.

At the time of John Miley's death the five eldest children were married and had either migrated to the west or established temporary homes within the Ripley area. Eva Margaretha, then 61 years of age, with her three sons, David, age 21; Levi, age 17; Jesse, age 15, continued the operations of the farm. Levi married in 1851 and moved into his newly erected home in Section 32. Jesse married in 1852 and soon was on his way westward. David and family occupied the log cabin. Grandmother lived to see all her Section 32 grandchildren born, and we presume she alternated her residence wherever a helping hand was most needed.

In 1852, David and Levi purchased the other six children's interests in the home farm and continued their efforts on a partnership basis. In 1865, they bought the 80

acres in Section 4, settled on and owned by their common father-in-law, William Garrett. In 1868, they sold this acreage to John Mulhall. In the same year they bought the W 1/2 quarter N.W. Section 4 from William Watterson. The selling and buying prices of these two transactions were for the same amounts of money. The advantage to the Miley brothers appears that they now had direct access to their combined acreage.

David and Levi were now the joint owners of 240 acres. In 1872, this acreage was legally divided, each brother being deeded 80 acres in Section 32 and 40 acres in Section 4. It is supposed this arrangement more clearly defined individual ownership; also an aid to dispose of their holdings as they individually so desired. Likewise, it could have been a plan to make room for their children, as Levi's eldest daughter had married in 1869, and David's eldest son in 1872.

In 1873, David built a frame house and barn in the southeast corner of Section 32 and with his wife, mother, sons Louis and Elias, moved to the new location.

Son Harmon then moved into the log cabin and remained there until 1888 when he purchased his own farm. The next occupant was son Elias who had married in 1886, remained until 1892, when he, too, acquired and moved to his own farm. Before there were any more known occupants, the cabin was destroyed by fire and was not replaced. Son Louis, who had chosen teaching as his vocation, when not living in his school district, resided with his parents until his marriage in 1892.

At this period it is known that David suffered severely with asthma and, later, Elizabeth was stricken with cancer. Until grandmother's death in 1899, they were assisted by their Ripley township descendants, special mention being made to their grandsons, Dora Campbell Miley and John Elias Miley.

After grandmother's decease, another grandson, James Leonard Miley, his wife Catherine Anna and their infant son, Carl Leo, resided with grandfather until his death in 1902.

In 1902, the forty acres in Section 4 was sold to Hiram and Jennie Miley Boner. Miley history with this acreage ended when the Boners disposed of it in 1909. In 1903, the eighty acres in Section 32 was sold to Ebbert Way. In 1904, Way sold 26.6 acres, including the buildings, to George Kick. There was yet to be more Miley history here. In 1908, Way sold the remaining acres to Armer Reed. There were no further Miley connections with this division.

In 1905, Hiram and Jennie Miley Boner bought the 26.6 acre tract from Kick. They remodeled the house and erected a new barn, resided here until about 1915, when they retired from farming, moved to Shreve, where Mr. Boner devoted full time to the ministry. Their son, Lauren, his wife Lois, and family, then resided here until about 1923, when this and other Boner properties were disposed of and they, too, moved to Shreve.

Thus, after almost one hundred years and the home of five generations, our history with Section 32 was concluded. As of today this location is known as the Harbaugh Farm.

We possess a letter dated December 16, 1864, from David Miley to his brother Jacob, who migrated to Fulton County in 1838. We take pleasure in presenting you a facsimile.

"Dear Brother Jacob, by the mercies of God I am spared to drop you a few lines. We are all well at this time hoping that you are all well. I received your kind letter. You ask more than I can do. You wanted me to quit the old foggy Democrat and vote for Lincoln. That I could not do. I am a peace man and to vote for him would inflict with my views. I am of the same opinion now that I was four years ago in reference to the war, that it can't be settled under old Abes reign. We can expect nothing else but four years more war. Yes this wicked and unholy war. The south started out to gain their independence and I believe that they will get it. You stated that I was

afraid to come out. Billy Dye has informed you so and now may I ask what have we done that is so fearful. We have done nothing but one thing and that is I said you and John got off the eggs and got in the straw in voting for old Abe. I did not tell Mr. Dye that I was afraid to come out, no far from it. What should I be afraid of when I love you dearly. You have always treated me right. I did say that John had gone wild and perhaps he might despise me, but I might be mistaken. If it was not for this war I would come out for I have a great desire to see you once more on this earth. I would like the best in the world to have a talk with you. We have had some cold weather, a great many deaths in here, typhoid fever. Wheat is 2.00, buckwheat 1.00, corn 1.00, butter 42¢, eggs 30¢, pork 10 Dollars per hundred and we pay 45 for best calico, 55 for coffee and so on. Come in if you can for I would like to see you all. Mother would like to see her children once more. She is very old, 80 years. Come one, come all. Maintain a good house at Wauseon may you all be inspired and may the Lord bless you all in your labors and endeavors. Pray for me that my faith fail me not. Write soon from David and Elizabeth Miley to Jacob and Elizabeth Miley. Harmon, Louis, Elias Miley send their love to D. R. Miley and sister."

We hold a letter to David Miley dated December 21, 1864 from James Wells. Wells was a soldier of the Union Army then stationed at Decatur, Alabama. We believe that he is the Ripley Township young man David Miley sponsored in accordance with the clause in the 1863 Enrollment Act that permitted a man to hire a substitute. We show this letter in its original form as to composition and spelling, but are unable to reproduce the flourish.

"My dear friend I seat my self to inform you of my helth. I am well at present hoping when this few lines reaches you they may find you enjoying the same blessing. Well david it has bin some time since

I rote to you. The road was not open and I thought it wasent worth while to write. You wanted me to let you know whether I got those gloves. I got them and I tell you know they come good these cold mornings. Well david since I last rote to you we have had several ups and downs. Since I last rote to you we have bin marching and moving round. We evacuated decatur on the 24 of November and we marched to steavings ala. The day we left decatur we had a purty smart of a fite and we had to fite on the way to steavison and then we was at steavenson about too weeks and then we made a move on decatur and when we reached here we found six pieces of artilry and they had between four and five hundred men and then we captured the plase with out mutch trouble. We captured there artilery and several of there men and we still remain at decatur. Our oficers that was captured at athens has know returned to the regiment. they dont look as if they was in prison they had purty easy times to what some has. I received a leter from levi McConkey he is well he is between petersburg and ritchmond and Isiah (McConkey) is well he is at petersburg I believe that is all that I have to writ. direct to decatur. this leaves me well from James Wells.

to David Miley."

We have a letter dated November 21, 1860, to David Miley from his brother, John, who migrated to Fulton County in 1847. This is a lengthy letter. The major part is devoted to the topics of that day and of no special significance to Miley history. We will confine ourselves to only the sections relative to our Memoirs.

John informs us that his eldest son, Henry, and his nephew, Jesse Miley, eldest son of George Miley, had migrated to Missouri and expected to make their homes in that state. We also have information from other sources that the eldest daughter of Rachel Miley McConkey, Margaret McConkey Wells, died in Kansas in 1865. Although

these three migrations are not conclusive, they do indicate a trend of the Fulton County third generation settlings. Today, one hundred years later, it appears as a foregone conclusion, their descendants are much more scattered than those of David Miley; wherein three-fourths of our number presently reside within a hundred mile radius of our beginning.

Up to this point John's letter has a very stern tone, written in a noticeably dogmatic and opinionated manner. He concludes in a much lighter mood and addresses this section to Harmon and Sarah Ellen (Elly), daughter of Levi Miley, both of whom were then nine years of age.

"Harmon and my little fat boy and the other little slim boy stick close to your dad. (David) Mind what he tells you, don't go to frolics, use no bad language and be intelligent and nice behaved and when your Pa's boys and uncle John's boys meet, what a happy time there would be with Jacob, George, Matt and Ciss (Rachel and his three brothers) with Uncle Levi's, Elly and that little black headed girl. My boys and grandmother with us, oh what a time, such shaking of hands and how do you dos and how are you and are you well. Now Elly, Harmon and all the rest of you, what do you think grandmother would do? Why, I tell you what she would do. If she had all of you, your uncles and Aunts and cousins and her grandchildren together at one place, Grandmother would weep and rejoice just to think and see that she had all her family together once more on this side of Jordon's stormy banks, to see that her boys and their boys and girls are such a nice group of well behaved and industrious set of children. Yes, we would all shout and clap hands. Pa, Uncle Levi and Grandmother would have to kill a large ox to feed us for a week. We would not like to stay less than that and we would eat all your apples. Write soon. We send our best respects to all

inquiring friends. To David Miley and Elizabeth Miley and Mother Miley from John Miley and Elizabeth Miley."

The following is a reprint of the David Miley obituary as published in the May 29, 1902, issue of the Holmes County Farmer, Millersburg, Ohio.

"DAVID MILEY DEAD.

"Passed Away at His Home Last Friday.

"David Miley, one of the best known and most highly esteemed pioneer residents of Ripley Township, died at the family home about four miles southwest of Shreve, after being confined to his home for about two weeks. Death was caused from a complication of diseases which he had suffered more or less for several years. His age was 77 years, 5 months and 19 days.

"Deceased was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, December 4, 1824. At the age of ten years he came with his parents to this county and settled in Ripley Township on what is now known as the Miley homestead. In March, 1849, he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Garrett, also of that township. From this union was born four sons, one of whom died in infancy, the three remaining survive their now deceased father, namely, Harmon and Elias of Ripley Township and Clerk of Courts, Louis Miley of this place. Besides these three sons, there survives him ten grandchildren, two brothers and one sister, viz: George, aged 87 years, of Fulton County; Matthias, aged 81 years of Wauseon, who was present at the time of the death of his brother, and one sister, Mrs. Rachel Wells, aged 84 years of Wauseon.

"At an early age Mr. Miley united with the Ripley Church of Christ, and has never wavered from his faith in Jesus Christ. He was a great bible student and never enjoyed himself more than when conversing

on bible subjects. He filled the office of elder at the Ripley Church for a long time and was always found at church on the Lord's day when his health would permit. Deceased had been an invalid for many years but always bore his suffering patiently and without complaint.

"In early pioneer days Mr. Miley's journey through life was marked with many hardships as was all of the pioneers of those days. When he and his now deceased companion started off in their new married life they had but two chairs and some other small household articles with which to adorn their forest home, but by careful management they were enabled to accumulate considerable means and during their latter days they enjoyed a very comfortable home and surroundings and always loved to greet their sons upon their frequent visits to the old home.

"Funeral services were held at the church of which he had so long been a member Sunday morning, conducted by Rev. Gorsuch of Nashville, after which interment was made in the church cemetery."

5. THE SECOND GENERATION.

ELIZABETH GARRETT MILEY

Elizabeth Garrett, the sixth child of William and Lucy Skinner Garrett, born in Muskingum County, Ohio, April 14, 1827, married on March 27, 1849, David Miley. Two of her sisters later married two of David Miley's brothers; namely, Eliza Garrett, the ninth child of William and Lucy Skinner Garrett, born in Holmes County, Ohio, March 2, 1841, married on April 10, 1862, Levi Miley (second marriage); Catherine Garrett, twin sister of Elizabeth Garrett Miley, on September 20, 1868, married Matthias Miley (second marriage). Descendants of these three marriages are double cousins. Names of the third generation double cousins are listed in The John Miley Family Genealogy.

We now record the ancestry of Elizabeth Garrett Miley and her sisters as reported by Mrs. Nan Skinner Brock.

On August 24, 1790, Joseph Skinner, born January 14, 1766, married Mary Vivian, born December 21, 1770. They were married in Virginia and it is thought Mary Vivian was born at Woodstock, Virginia. Joseph Skinner was from Scotch descent and a slaveholder in Virginia. Vivian is an English name and Mary Vivian was an English Lady. They were the parents of eleven children, all of whom grew to maturity. The names and birth dates of these children were as follows: William V., November 1791; Elizabeth, January 20, 1793; Samuel C., January 26, 1794; Charles V., April 6, 1796, John C., June 20, 1798; Nancy, February 9, 1800; LUCY and Eliza, twins, January 5, 1802; Philip William, April 12, 1804; Joseph, January 1806; Madison, February 3, 1808.

In order to approximate the year that Joseph and Mary Vivian Skinner migrated to Ohio we cite: their ninth child, Phillip William Skinner, father of Mrs. Brock, was born April 12, 1804, in Culpepper, Virginia. The tenth and eleventh children were born in 1806 and 1808. Mrs. Brock summarizes that Grandmother Mary Vivian Skinner evidently did not endure the hardships common at that time and died shortly after coming to Ohio. This would place their arrival in Ohio at about the year 1810, as Mary Vivian Skinner died January 5, 1811. She is buried at Morristown, Belmont County, Ohio.

From the records it appears that all but four of the children of Joseph and Mary Skinner lived and died in Southeastern Ohio. Three are buried in Iowa, and Lucy Skinner, to become the grandmother of The David Miley Family, married and moved to Holmes County, Ohio.

Lucy Skinner, the seventh child of Joseph and Mary Vivian Skinner, twin sister of Eliza Skinner, was born in Virginia, January 5, 1802, and married William Garrett. There is no record as to the ancestry of William Garrett. It is assumed that he was a native of Virginia or Southern Ohio. It is also thought that he was about the same age as Lucy Skinner, and that their marriage occurred shortly

prior to 1820 in Southeastern Ohio. We regret we cannot give the exact date of their arrival in Holmes County. We have the record that their sixth and seventh children, twins, were born in Muskingum County in 1827 and their last two children were born in Holmes County in 1839 and 1841. For the convenience of our History we will arbitrarily set the year as 1835 when William Garrett purchased eighty acres of land near the Biglow Church in Ripley Township, Holmes County, Ohio.

Grandfather Joseph Skinner did not remarry after his wife's death in 1811; came to Holmes County with the Garrett Family, where he made his home until his death on April 18, 1837. Mrs. Brock records that he is buried at Hopewell. After deductions and conclusions, but without proof, your writers are of the opinion that Joseph Skinner was buried in The Hopewell Church Cemetery in Holmes County, rather than the village of Hopewell in Muskingum County, Ohio.

Grandmother Lucy Skinner Garrett died July 14, 1859. She is buried in Ripley Cemetery. Grandfather William Garrett remarried after his wife's death and moved to Shreve, Ohio. We do not know the name of his second wife, but since there were no children, it is not pertinent to our History. William Garrett died August 30, 1870. He is buried in Ripley Cemetery.

William and Lucy Skinner Garrett were the parents of nine children, all of whom lived to maturity. The names of these children: Andrew, Samuel, Joseph, John, Mary, ELIZABETH and Catherine, (twins), Lucy and Eliza. Lucy died at the age of twenty, December 14, 1859, and is buried in Ripley Cemetery. All the other children married, raised families and spent their lifetime in the vicinity of Holmes County. The impressive mausoleum structure located in the northwest corner of Ripley Cemetery was erected by Josephine Garrett Roach, daughter of Samuel Garrett, as a memorial to The Garrett Family. It houses the remains of Mrs. Roach, her husband and members of her immediate family.

Grandmother Elizabeth Garrett Miley died on September 3, 1899. She is buried in Ripley Cemetery. We conclude our chapter of Elizabeth Garrett Miley with a reprint of her obituary as published in the Millersburg Ohio weekly newspaper of that day.

“Supreme Summons.

“Mrs. David Miley died at her home in Ripley Township, this county, Sunday morning, September 3rd, of cancer of the stomach aged 72 years, 4 months and 19 days. Deceased, whose maiden name was Garrett, was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, and with her parents came to Holmes County when but a small girl. March 27, 1849, she was married to David Miley, who, with three sons, (Harmon, Elias and Louis) mourn her death. The former two are residents of Ripley Township; the latter is a citizen of Millersburg and clerk of the courts. While deceased did not reach the advanced age of some women, yet she lived long enough to witness her fiftieth wedding anniversary which was duly celebrated by her family and friends on March 27th of the present year. At the age of sixteen she united with the Disciple Church, to which she remained faithful to the end. The funeral services were held in Ripley Church Tuesday at ten o’clock A. M., conducted by Rev. Gorsuch. Interment in Ripley Church Cemetery.”

6. THE HARMON MILEY FAMILY
THE THIRD GENERATION

The First Son of David and Elizabeth Miley

HARMON MILEY

I. Harmon Miley was twice married. First, on November 17, 1872, to Sarah Ellen Hutson, who was born in

Holmes County on January 1, 1851. They resided in Section 32 and operated the eighty acre David Miley portion of the John Miley farm for fifteen years. Their first four children were born at the John Miley log cabin. In 1888, they purchased their own farm of eighty acres in Section 7. Their fifth and last child was born here. She died October 10, 1893, and is buried in Ripley Cemetery.

Issue of this marriage, one daughter, four sons.

1. Lois Miley born January 20, 1874.
2. Dora Campbell Miley born January 1, 1876.
3. James Leonard Miley born August 14, 1879.
4. John Elias Miley born October 20, 1882.
5. Harry Dalton Miley born June 17, 1889.

The October 12, 1893 issue of The Holmes County Farmer contained the following:

"Mrs. Harmon Miley died on Tuesday at her home near Nashville. Her age about 42 years. She leaves a husband, 5 children and relatives to mourn their loss. The funeral was held Wednesday. Burial in Ripley Cemetery."

Newspapers of that day confined themselves mostly to a formal death notice. The biographical obituary common today was not the vogue then. In our quest for some genealogical information of the Hutson Family we were referred to John Hutson.

Mr. Hutson, born in 1883, is a nephew of Sarah Ellen Hutson Miley. He was born and raised in Ripley Township, a business man of this area, now retired and resides in Big Prairie, Ohio. He was a personal friend of all three of our third generation forefathers and is well versed in Miley history. We are beholden to Mr. Hutson for the following:

The Hutson family is of Scotch descent. It is not known when their first emigrants came from Scotland to America. It is thought they first settled in Pennsylvania. Their first known ancestors were William and Polly Campbell Hutson. They settled in Richland Township, Holmes

County, near Glenmont. From the inscription on the tombstone in Nashville Presbyterian Cemetery we noted; William was born May 2, 1805, died August 24, 1885; Polly was born May 1, 1810, died April 26, 1885. They were the parents of six children, Sarah Ellen being the youngest. The other five:

1. Elizabeth married Christopher Kirkendall.
2. Lucinda married Lewellyn McDowell.
3. Mary married Thomas Bevington.
4. John married a Miss Grindel.
5. William married Ama Matilda Allison, the parents of John Hutson.

Both sons served in the Union Army during the Civil War. Mr. Hutson recalls that Sarah Ellen was living at his parent's home in Ripley Township at the time she married Harmon Miley. The cause of her early demise was diagnosed as tuberculosis.

Secondly, Harmon Miley on February 23, 1895, married Eliza Ann McIntire Sykes, who was born in Holmes County on April 8, 1851. She was the widow of Robert P. Sykes, who was born in Holmes County on May 1, 1845, died June 8, 1892. She was also the mother of two children, ages eighteen and nine years.

Harmon Miley and family continued their residence and operation of the Section 7 farm until 1902 when they purchased property in the village of Nashville. The farm was first leased to son, Dora Campbell Miley, who, with his bride, Nellie Grace Conrad Miley, remained here about a year, when they bought their own farm in Northern Coshocton County. The next tenant was son, James Leonard Miley, who operated on a lease basis until 1919, when he and his wife, Edith Shank Miley, purchased the other family heirs' interests. Miley history ended here in 1956 when the heirs of James Leonard disposed of the farm. This location is now known as the Columbo Farm.

The Nashville property, as acquired by Harmon Miley in 1902, which was located at the southwest corner of the village square, contained a large house and barn. This

was the era before the automobile and the common use of the telephone. The year 1902 was only seven years after the first patent was issued for the first successful invention of the first American made automobile; and, likewise, only twenty-four years after the establishment of the first commercial telephone exchange. This was the date when all villages were thriving trading centers and cross road stores flourished. For the convenience of the many wayfarers of that day, and a livelihood for themselves, Harmon and Eliza Ann operated a hotel as part of their home and a livery stable from the barn. This, too, was the time before the rigid state regulations and compulsory educational requirements that are mandatory for the pursuit of a professional career today. Through his wide experience with animals and his practical knowledge of the treatment of their diseases, Harmon Miley also established himself as a full time practicing veterinarian.

The above activities, plus supervision of the farm, their civic and church duties continued until Eliza Ann Sykes Miley's death on January 2, 1913. She is buried in Hopewell Church Cemetery.

There was no issue from this marriage, but the Miley Family was enhanced by the addition of the two children of the McIntire-Sykes union. Neither legal nor blood ties exist. However, a stronger bond, perhaps that of compassion and understanding, has endured throughout the years. We, of the name and blood, are proud and honored to recognize these two children as our own with a summary in this History. We invite their descendants and we urge our descendants, to continue what has been a highly rewarding affiliation.

Names of these two children, both born in Holmes County, as follows:

- I. Clarence Robert Sykes born June 10, 1877.
- II. Victoria Rachel Sykes born October 9, 1886.

I. Clarence Robert Sykes on November 26, 1903, married Addie McMillan, who was born in Holmes County on October 5, 1880. They owned and operated their own farm

near Creston, Ohio. He died May 15, 1942, and is buried in Jackson Church Cemetery. She resides at Creston. They were the parents of eight children: Robert, Florence, Harry, Raymond, Ruth, Margaret, Donald, and Betty. As of now, two are deceased, five reside within a twenty mile radius of Creston and one lives in Nevada.

II. Victoria Rachel Sykes on September 29, 1909, married Harry Wilbur Harford, who was born in Holmes County on June 16, 1888. They resided in Akron, Ohio, where he was Superintendent of Mails. He died March 31, 1937, and is buried in Rose Hill Burial Park. They were the parents of two daughters: Doris and Louise. Both Mrs. Harford, her daughters and their families, reside in Akron.

The following obituary was published in the January 16, 1913 issue of The Holmes County Farmer.

"Mrs. Harmon Miley Passes Away.

"Eliza Ann McIntire was born on April 8, 1851, and died January 2, 1913, age 61 years, 8 months and 24 days. She was the daughter of Samuel and Susan McIntire and always resided in Holmes County. She leaves to mourn her loss, a husband, one brother, one sister, two children, Clarence R. Sykes of Creston, Ohio, and Victoria Harford of Akron, and five step children. She was united in marriage October 5, 1875, with Robert Sykes who died July 8, 1892. On February 23, 1895, she united in marriage with Harmon Miley and has since resided in Nashville. She united with the Hopewell church early in life and later with the Christian Church at Nashville. She was a member of the Ladies of the Macabees and the Womens Temperance Christian Union Societies. All who knew the departed speak in highest terms of her life and Christian character. She was a faithful wife, a tender and patient mother, and a good neighbor. She exercised great patience and fortitude in her sickness. The funeral was held at

the Nashville Christian Church on Saturday at 10:00 A. M. By special request of the deceased, the funeral sermon was preached by Hiram Boner of the Ripley Church of Christ. Burial was made in the Hopewell Church Cemetery."

After his wife's death, Harmon Miley, with the aid of a housekeeper and his sons, continued the Nashville operations on a limited basis until ill health forced him into complete retirement. He died January 10, 1919.

The following obituary was published in the Shreve News issue of January 15, 1919. (Leonard Sherman Miley, son of Levi Miley, was the owner, editor and publisher of the Shreve News for many years.)

"Harmon Miley, son of David and Elizabeth Garrett Miley was born in Ripley Township, Holmes County, Ohio, on June 24, 1851, and departed this life at his home in Nashville, Ohio, on January 10, 1919, aged 67 years, 6 months and 16 days. On November 17, 1872, he was married to Sarah E. Hutson who died October 10, 1893. To this union one daughter and four sons were born. On February 23, 1895, he was married to Mrs. Eliza Ann Sykes who was called by the Angel of Death January 2, 1913. The deceased united with the Ripley Church of Christ at an early age, later transferred to the Nashville Christian Church and continued in the Christian faith and life until he passed to the heavenly home on high. He was a kind and Christian husband and father.

"November, 1899, he became a charter member of the Nashville #73 Knights of the Maccabees. He was mayor of the village repeated terms, served on the council, was several terms infirmary director and filled offices in the church and in the lodge.

"He leaves to mourn his departure, one brother, Louis Miley, cashier of The Farmers and Merchants Bank, Millersburg, Ohio; one daughter, Mrs. Frank Power; four sons, Leonard, John and Dalton of

Nashville and Dora C. Miley of Clark, Ohio; one step-daughter, Mrs. Victoria Harford of Akron; one step-son, Clarence Sykes of Creston and many relatives and friends. The deceased was kind hearted and patient. He always looked on the bright side, even amid the clouds of this recent illness. No one questioned his honesty and integrity. The funeral took place Sunday P. M. at the residence and was conducted by Rev. McFetridge of Millersburg. The remains of the departed were consigned to rest in Ripley Cemetery."

The following obituary was published in The Holmes County Farmer issue of January 16, 1919.

"Harmon Miley of Nashville, a well known citizen of the county died at his home in that village on January 10, 1919, after an extended illness. He was born in Ripley Township on June 24, 1851. During his life he was a faithful member of the Christian Church, was active in its duties and served the Nashville Church as one of its elders. He was a charter member of the Nashville lodge of the Knights of the Maccabees. Politically he was a lifelong Democrat and held county, township and local offices in a highly creditable manner. He is survived by four sons and one daughter, also one brother, Louis Miley of Millersburg and a number of grandchildren. The funeral occurred Sunday, January 12, from the late residence, interment in Ripley Cemetery."

THE FOURTH GENERATION

The First Child of Harmon and Sarah E. Miley

I. Lois Miley on June 17, 1896, married Frank Power, who was born in Holmes County, Ohio, on September 21, 1874. They resided on their own farm in Western Holmes

County. She died January 16, 1946, and is buried in Nashville Methodist Cemetery. He is a retired farmer and lumberman, resides in Millersburg, Ohio.

Issue of this marriage, one daughter, one son; both born in Holmes County.

1. Helen Marie Power born September 12, 1899.
2. Clarence Harmon Power born July 11, 1905.

THE FIFTH GENERATION

The Children of Frank and Lois Miley Power

I. Helen Marie Power on March 8, 1922, married Delmar Desylvia Donley, who was born in Holmes County on November 26, 1900. They reside at the Power homestead in Western Holmes County. He is a retired farmer and lumberman.

Issue of this marriage, four sons and one daughter; all born in Holmes County.

1. Lister Desylvia Donley born August 10, 1923.
2. Clarence Louis Donley born January 15, 1929.
3. Laverla Marie Donley born October 11, 1936.
4. Leland Leroy Donley born December 18, 1942.
5. Lloyd Eugene Donley born February 22, 1946.

II. Clarence Harmon Power is unmarried and resides at the Massillon State Hospital, Massillon, Ohio.

THE SIXTH GENERATION

The Children of Delmar and Helen Power Donley

I. Lister Desylvia Donley on December 4, 1945, married Virginia Faye Mohler, who was born in Holmes County on February 7, 1929. He is employed in the oil fields. She is a practical nurse. They reside in Fredericksburg, Ohio.

Issue of this marriage five children; the first four named born in Holmes County, the last named born in Fredericksburg, all of whom are either public school students or preschool age.

THE SEVENTH GENERATION

1. Donna Jean Donley born September 3, 1948.
2. Denver Lee Donley born September 12, 1952.
3. Leslie Raymond Donley born October 22, 1954.
4. Charles Franklin Donley born May 30, 1956.
5. Thelma Joyce Donley born December 20, 1962.

II. Clarence Louis Donley on June 24, 1956, married Clara Irene Lytle, who was born in Wayne County, Ohio, on July 24, 1936. He is employed in industry. They reside in Wayne County, near Wooster, Ohio.

Issue of this marriage, three sons; all born in Wayne County and are public or preschool age.

THE SEVENTH GENERATION

1. Benson Wayne Donley born March 19, 1957.
2. Norman Frederick Donley born December 15, 1958.
3. Kevin Louis Donley born May 12, 1964.

III. Laverla Marie Donley on December 31, 1953, married Donald Benjamin Phillips, who was born in Ellendale, North Dakota, on July 23, 1930. He is a veterinarian; she is the office manager. They reside in Colman, South Dakota.

Issue of this marriage, two daughters; both born in Ames, Iowa, and public or preschool age.

THE SEVENTH GENERATION

1. Diane Marie Phillips born April 16, 1958.
2. Linda Lee Phillips born December 26, 1959.

IV. Leland Leroy Donley was employed in the lumber industry prior to his induction into military service in August, 1964; presently, stationed in Kentucky.

V. Lloyd Eugene Donley is a high school student, employed part time in agriculture. Resides in Colman, South Dakota, with his sister and her husband.

THE FOURTH GENERATION

The Second Child of Harmon and Sarah E. Miley

II. Dora Campbell Miley on March 18, 1903, married Nellie Grace Conrad, who was born in Holmes County on June 19, 1878. Prior to marriage he was a county school teacher; after marriage they operated and resided on their own farm in Northern Coshocton County, Ohio. He died February 23, 1928; she died July 19, 1951. Both are buried in The Clark Cemetery.

Issue of this marriage seven children; all born in Coshocton County.

1. Elmer Conrad Miley born August 3, 1904.
2. Irma Jane Miley born April 17, 1906.
3. John Harmon Miley born April 17, 1910.
4. Ralph Warren Miley born March 2, 1912.
5. George Edward Miley born January 4, 1914.
6. Harold Blain Miley born October 5, 1915.
7. Ellen Elizabeth Miley born February 5, 1919.

THE FIFTH GENERATION

The Children of Dora C. and Nellie G. Miley

I. Elmer Conrad Miley is unmarried and in conjunction with his brother, John, operate and reside at the Dora Miley homestead in Coshocton County.

II. Irma Jane Miley on April 19, 1930, married Charles Augustus Karr, who was born in Coshocton County on

August 31, 1902. They operated and resided on their own farm in Northern Coshocton County. She died July 31, 1938, and is buried in Clark Cemetery.

Issue of this marriage, two sons; both born in Coshocton County.

1. George Miley Karr born April 29, 1932.
2. James William Karr born June 17, 1935; died July 15, 1943; buried in Clark Cemetery.

III. John Harmon Miley is unmarried and in conjunction with his brother, Elmer, operate and reside at the Dora Miley homestead in Coshocton County.

IV. Ralph Warren Miley on June 27, 1937, married Margaret Cecelia Massie, who was born in Holmes County on May 24, 1914. She is a teacher. They operate and reside on their own farm in Western Holmes County.

Issue of this marriage, two daughters, one son; all born in Holmes County.

1. Carol Sue Miley born December 9, 1939.
2. Nancy Jane Miley born April 13, 1943.
3. David Warren Miley born July 25, 1951.

V. George Edward Miley on April 22, 1938, married Naomi Ruth Greeger, who was born in Wayne County, Ohio, on August 10, 1915. He is employed in industry. She is a retired beautician. They reside in Wooster, Ohio.

Issue of this marriage, one son; born in Fredericksburg, Ohio.

1. Edward Lynn Miley born October 3, 1939.

VI. Harold Blaine Miley on October 10, 1946, married Jessie Norine Lane, who was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, on April 27, 1915. He is employed in industry. She is a registered nurse. They reside in Northern Coshocton County, adjacent to the Dora Miley homestead. There is no issue.

VII. Ellen Elizabeth Miley on July 7, 1943, married Warren Hughes Massie, who was born in Holmes County

on September 18, 1918. He is a farm manager, school bus operator and machinery salesman. She is a registered nurse. They reside on their own farm in Western Holmes County. There is no issue.

THE SIXTH GENERATION

The Son of Charles A. and Irma Miley Karr

I. George Miley Karr on August 31, 1951, married Carol Elizabeth Norris, who was born in Adams Mills, Ohio, on August 21, 1934. He is employed in industry and a part-time farmer. They reside on their own farm in Northern Coshocton County.

Issue of this marriage, two sons, one daughter; all born in Coshocton County; the first two named are public school students, the last preschool age.

THE SEVENTH GENERATION

1. James William Karr born February 12, 1952.
2. Charles Ray Karr born March 5, 1956.
3. Kathleen Karol Karr born March 28, 1961.

THE SIXTH GENERATION

The Children of Ralph W. and Margaret C. Miley

I. Carol Sue Miley on March 28, 1959, married Larry Dean Miller, who was born in Holmes County on January 22, 1939. They reside in Orville, Ohio, where he is engaged in newspaper work.

Issue of this marriage, one son, two daughters; the first named born in Wooster, the last two in Orville. All are preschool age.

THE SEVENTH GENERATION

1. Alan Dean Miller born November 14, 1959.
2. Valerie Ann Miller born September 11, 1961.
3. Robyn Lyn Miller born September 22, 1964.

II. Nancy Jane Miley is unmarried, resides in Wooster, Ohio, where she is employed as a legal secretary.

III. David Warren Miley is a public school student and resides with his parents.

THE SIXTH GENERATION

The Son of George E. and Naomi R. Miley

I. Edward Lynn Miley on June 8, 1963, married Barbara Kay Park, who was born in Coshocton, Ohio, on September 13, 1941. He is a registered pharmacist. She is a registered nurse. Issue of this marriage, one daughter; born at the Fort Campbell (Kentucky) Base Hospital, where Lieutenant and Mrs. Miley are stationed for the duration of his enlistment.

THE SEVENTH GENERATION

1. Jo Ellen Miley born July 20, 1964.

THE FOURTH GENERATION

The Third Child of Harmon and Sarah E. Miley

III. James Leonard Miley was thrice married. First, on October 6, 1899, married Catherine Anna Sones, who was born in Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, on June 15, 1877. They first resided with David Miley, then operated and resided at the Harmon Miley homestead where she died February 8, 1904. She is buried in Ripley Cemetery.

Issue of this marriage, two sons; the first named born at the David Miley homestead, the second at the Harmon Miley homestead.

1. Carl Leo Miley born August 30, 1901.
2. Herbert Perry Miley born October 29, 1903.

Secondly, James Leonard Miley in the year 1905 married Eva Hamlin, who was born in Wayne County, Ohio, on August 14, 1883. They operated and resided at the Harmon Miley farm. She died April 14, 1908, and is buried in Ripley Cemetery.

Issue of this marriage, one daughter.

1. Marcella Miley born April 2, 1908; died April 6, 1908; buried in Ripley Cemetery.

Thirdly, James Leonard Miley on February 20, 1909, married Edith Mae Shank, who was born in Holmes County on July 26, 1885. After Harmon Miley's death in 1919, they purchased the other family heirs' interests and continued operations of the farm until 1945 when they moved to their retirement home on the outskirts of Nashville. He died May 14, 1955, and is buried in Nashville Presbyterian Cemetery. She resides with her step-son and family in Wayne County near West Salem, Ohio. There was no issue.

THE FIFTH GENERATION

The Children of James L. and Catherine A. Miley

I. Carl Leo Miley on June 6, 1931, married Helen Lucille Marti who was born in Hardin County, Ohio, on June 5, 1906. She is a principal in the Wayne County School System. He is semi-retired from farming and an administrative officer of a Wayne County School District. They reside on their own farm near West Salem, Ohio.

Issue of this marriage, four children; the first two named born in Mansfield, Ohio, the last two born in Wayne County, Ohio.

1. Kathryn Louise Miley born November 11, 1932.
2. James Lloyd Miley born January 1, 1935.
3. Betty Lou Miley born December 1, 1936.
4. Jean Lynn Miley born February 27, 1946.

II. Herbert Perry Miley was twice married. First, on January 19, 1929, to Ruby Moore, who was born in Parkman, Ohio, on May 14, 1887. They operated and resided on a rental farm in Western Holmes County. She died March 13, 1944, and is buried at Parkman, Ohio. There was no issue.

Secondly, Herbert Perry Miley on December 19, 1944, married Margery Sarah Barcus, who was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, on January 30, 1907. She is self-employed. He is associated with The Ohio Agriculture Experimental Station, Wooster, Ohio, in the department of veterinary science. They reside in Wooster.

Issue of this marriage, two daughters; the first named born in Holmes County, the second in Muskingum County. Both are public school students.

THE SIXTH GENERATION

1. Sharon Kay Miley born August 20, 1946.
2. Sandra Karen Miley born November 1, 1949.

THE SIXTH GENERATION

The Children of Carl L. and Helen L. Miley

I. Kathryn Louise Miley on July 4, 1963, married Jack Purdy, who was born in Ashland, Ohio, on February 25, 1930. He is an auditor. She is a teacher. They reside in Long Beach, California. There is no issue.

II. James Lloyd Miley on March 24, 1959, married Martha Jane Whitmore, who was born in Lodi, Ohio, on May 6, 1931. They operate and reside on their own farm in Wayne County, near West Salem, Ohio.

Issue of this marriage, three children; all of whom are preschool age and all born in Wayne County.

THE SEVENTH GENERATION

1. James Joseph Miley born January 3, 1960.
2. Jonathan Fredrick Miley born September 3, 1961.
3. Julia Beth Miley born August 29, 1963.

III. Betty Lou Miley on August 14, 1960, married Gordon Ridgeway Chavis, who was born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, on September 24, 1936. She is a teacher. He alternates as a teacher and a prelaw student. They reside in Wayne County, near West Salem.

Issue of this marriage, two sons; born in Wayne County.

THE SEVENTH GENERATION

1. Gordon Ridgeway Chavis, Jr. born July 17, 1963.
2. Jeffery Carl Chavis born August 18, 1964.

IV. Jean Lynn Miley, a 1964 high school graduate, will enroll in college this fall; home address that of her parents.

THE FOURTH GENERATION

The Fourth Child of Harmon and Sarah E. Miley

IV. John Elias Miley on December 28, 1909, married Golda May Weimer, who was born in Holmes County on June 14, 1890. Prior to marriage he was a county school teacher; after marriage they operated and resided on their own farm in Western Holmes County. She died January 17, 1957. He died October 21, 1957. Both are buried in Nashville Methodist Cemetery.

Issue of this marriage, two daughters; both born in Holmes County.

1. Mildred Lucille Miley born August 6, 1911.
2. Vera Fay Miley born November 21, 1916.

THE FIFTH GENERATION

The Children of John E. and Golda M. Miley

I. Mildred Lucille Miley on December 28, 1937, married Harry Sloan Pennell, who was born in Holmes County on November 14, 1914. They operate and reside on their own farm in Western Holmes County.

Issue of this marriage, two sons; both born in Holmes County. The first named was employed in industry prior to his enlistment with the Air Force in July, 1964; presently, stationed in Texas. The second named is a 1964 high school graduate and, for the immediate future, will continue to assist with the farm work.

THE SIXTH GENERATION

1. James Miley Pennell born February 15, 1943.
2. Roger Eugene Pennell born October 25, 1945.

II. Vera Fay Miley on November 20, 1941, married Robert Emerson Dilgard, who was born in Wayne County on May 31, 1917. He is a territory sales manager; she is a teacher in the Wayne County School System. They reside in Wooster, Ohio.

Issue of this marriage, two sons and one daughter; all of whom were born in Wooster. The first named is a 1964 high school graduate and will enroll in college this fall. The second and third named are public school students.

THE SIXTH GENERATION

1. Robert Emerson Dilgard, Jr. born December 7, 1946.

2. George Milton Dilgard born December 16, 1948.
3. Jean Ann Dilgard born May 26, 1951.

THE FOURTH GENERATION

The Fifth Child of Harmon and Sarah E. Miley

V. Harry Dalton Miley on June 12, 1912, married Essie Edith Beall, who was born in Coshocton County, Ohio, on June 20, 1891. He is a retired farmer, businessman and industrialist. They reside on Shreve Road, Wooster, Ohio.

Issue of this marriage one daughter; born in Coshocton County, Ohio.

1. Nita Pauline Miley born March 10, 1914.

THE FIFTH GENERATION

The Daughter of H. Dalton and Essie B. Miley

I. Nita Pauline Miley on June 22, 1936, married Cletus Rang, who was born in Mt. Sterling, Illinois, on March 25, 1908. Both are teachers in the Millersburg, Ohio, Public School System. They reside on their own farm near Millersburg.

Issue of this marriage, one son; born in Millersburg.

1. Ronald Cletus Rang born August 28, 1941.

THE SIXTH GENERATION

The Son of Cletus and Nita Miley Rang

I. Ronald Cletus Rang is unmarried; home address that of his parents. Presently, he is stationed in Kentucky with the Ohio National Guard, and alternates his military training with graduate school study.

7. THE LOUIS MILEY FAMILY

THE THIRD GENERATION

The Third Son of David and Elizabeth Miley

LOUIS MILEY

III. Louis Miley on June 16, 1892, married Ella Ann Newcomer, who was born in Eastern Holmes County on March 6, 1868. He was a teacher, county officer and banker. They resided in Millersburg, Ohio. He died November 2, 1947; she died August 30, 1960. Both are buried in the Millersburg Cemetery.

Issue of this marriage, two sons; both born in Millersburg.

1. Paul Newcomer Miley born August 11, 1894.
2. Olin Oliver Miley born May 27, 1903.

The following biographical sketch is copied from an industrial edition of The Holmes County Farmer, issue of May 17, 1900, featuring Millersburg businessmen and Holmes County officials.

"Louis Miley"

"Clerk of Courts. The above named courteous and accommodating county official was chosen by the Democratic party of Holmes County as clerk of courts at the general election held in November, 1898, and he entered upon his responsible and oftentimes trying duties in August, 1899. The gentleman is a native of Holmes County, having been born in Ripley Township, June 2, 1859. He began attendance at school at an early age, working on the farm during the summer season, and attending school in winter, afterwards coming to school in Millersburg, and later attending Mt. Union College in Stark County. Mr. Miley commenced the profession of school teaching at the age of twenty, filling positions in different

county schools, until in September, 1891, he came to the public schools in this city, teaching in room No. 5, where he filled the position acceptably for a period of seven years. This brings him up to the time of election to the office of clerk of courts. That he is popular with the people is fully attested by the many words of praise heard on all sides. He performs his duties at all times impartially, and with an aim toward the accommodation of all. He is a staunch Democrat, a thorough gentleman, and a conscientious official, and as such enjoys the esteem and confidence of all, no matter as to creed or party."

The following obituary was published in the November 6, 1947, issue of The Holmes County Farmer - Hub.

"Louis Miley"

"Louis Miley, 88, of Millersburg, former county and local official, bank executive, school teacher and civic leader, died here Sunday midnight at his home on South Monroe Street following an extended illness.

"Mr. Miley was born in Ripley Township 88 years ago, the third son of David and Elizabeth Miley. His youthful days were spent in teaching school in various locations throughout Holmes County, terminating his teaching career with the Millersburg Public Schools.

"Immediately following his teaching days, he served two terms as Holmes County Clerk of Courts. At the expiration of his second term he entered the employ of the then newly organized Farmers and Merchants Bank as assistant cashier. He retired at the age of 70 as vice-president and director.

He first served several terms on the local school board. Then, for a period of over thirty years he served the Millersburg Board of Public Affairs, first as secretary, later as board member. He retired from these duties two years ago. His most outstanding civic achievement was the initiation of the idea

and his assistance in promoting and making possible the Millersburg municipal swimming pool.

"At an early age he united with the Ripley Church of Christ and later transferred to the Millersburg Church, where he served as a Sunday School teacher and in layman's offices of the church. He was retired a few years ago as elder emeritus.

"Mr. and Mrs. Miley, the former Ella Newcomer of Paint Township, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary June 16, 1942.

"Mr. Miley is survived by his wife Ella, two sons, Paul and Olin, one grandson, Ray, and four nephews and three nieces.

"Funeral services were held here Wednesday afternoon at the Hunter Funeral Home with The Rev. P. H. Welshmier, of Canton, officiating, assisted by The Rev. Arthur Poll, pastor of the Millersburg Christian Church. Burial was made in the Millersburg Cemetery."

The following obituary appeared in The Wooster Daily Record dated August 30, 1960, and the weekly issue of The Holmes County Farmer - Hub of September 1, 1960.

"Mrs. Ella Miley"

"Mrs. Ella A. Miley, 92, died at 12:45 A. M. Tuesday at the Pomerene Memorial Hospital following a short illness.

"She was born March 6, 1868, in Paint Township, the daughter of Henry and Malinda King Newcomer. She was married to Louis Miley on June 16, 1892. He died in November of 1947.

"She leaves two sons, Paul N. and Olin O. of Millersburg and one grandson, Ray L. a student at the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Florida.

"She was the oldest living member of the Millersburg Christian Church; a member of The Christian Womens' Fellowship and had been a teacher in the Sunday School for many years. She was also a

member of Holmes Chapter Order of the Eastern Star and the Fortnightly Club.

"Funeral services will be at two P. M. Thursday at the Hunter Funeral Home with James Hunter, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the Millersburg Cemetery."

THE FOURTH GENERATION

The Sons of Louis and Ella A. Miley

I. Paul Newcomer Miley on May 14, 1932, married Evelyn Mae Brown, who was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on May 23, 1907. This marriage was later dissolved. He is a retired teacher, banker and industrialist; presently resides in Akron, Ohio. She resides in Coral Gables, Florida. Issue of this marriage, one son; born in Cleveland, Ohio.

1. Ray Leonard Miley born February 1, 1936.

II. Olin Oliver Miley on September 8, 1945, married Mary Stover Rhea, who was born in Callensburg, Pennsylvania on December 8, 1904. They reside in Millersburg, Ohio, and are in the retail business at that location. There is no issue.

THE FIFTH GENERATION

The Son of Paul N. and Evelyn B. Miley

I. Ray Leonard Miley on November 30, 1962, married Joan Elizabeth Baylis, who was born in Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada, on January 30, 1940. She is an airline employee. He was awarded a degree from the University of Miami School of Law in June, 1964.* Plans for the immediate future are not complete at this date. They reside in Coconut Grove, Florida. There is no issue.

*Admitted to The Florida State Bar on November 23, 1964.

8. THE ELIAS MILEY FAMILY

THE THIRD GENERATION

The Fourth Son of David and Elizabeth Miley

ELIAS MILEY

IV. Elias Miley on November 11, 1886, married Ida Mae Prost, who was born in Knox County, Ohio, on November 20, 1865. They resided in Section 32 and operated the eighty acre David Miley portion of The John Miley farm for four years. Their first three children were born at the John Miley log cabin. In 1892, they purchased their own farm of eighty acres in Section 8. Their fourth child was born here. Elias Miley was a farmer for eighteen years; then engaged in business, first at Shreve, then at Wauseon, Ohio, and still later at Petoskey, Michigan. He died at Petoskey on July 12, 1917; she died at Petoskey on September 14, 1952. Both are buried in the Wauseon Cemetery.

Issue of this marriage, three daughters, one son.

1. Grace Mabel Miley born November 6, 1887.
2. Bertha Elizabeth Miley born July 10, 1889.
3. Lottie Faun Miley born December 25, 1892.
4. David Ray Miley born September 16, 1894.

Ida Mae Prost Miley was born in Knox County, Ohio, on November 20, 1865. She was the daughter of Nelson and Priscilla Parsons Prost. The mother died shortly after the birth of Ida Mae. Another child, George Prost, birth date not known, but presumed to be a few years older than his sister, was also left motherless. The two children were then placed in selected foster homes. There were no adoptions in either case. It is reported that George was taken by a family, name unknown, who resided in Wayne County, and that he later married and continued his residence in the same county. The father, Nelson

Prost, became an itinerant farm laborer, and, consequently, there were no close family ties maintained. Save for this meager report, all traces of the Prost Family, except Ida Mae, have been lost.

Ida Mae Prost was accepted into the home of Robert Allen and Charlotte Garrett, who resided in Ripley Township directly east of The Harmon Miley Farm, and shown by the letter, G, on our map. The Garretts were childless. They were members of the Nashville Presbyterian Church. Mr. Garrett was a well-to-do farmer, also a livestock dealer. Although the spelling of the name of this family is identical to that of our Miley-Garrett connections, yet, there are no blood ties between the two families. Robert Allen Garrett was born in 1838 and died in 1914. Charlotte Leyenberger Garrett was born in 1840 and died in 1902. Both are buried in Nashville Presbyterian Cemetery.

Ida Mae remained with the Garretts until her twenty-first birthday, when she married Elias Miley. Up to this time she was accorded all the privileges of the Garrett home as a natural child and, in the same manner, accepted the responsibilities for the chores of the home and farm common to all farm children. She attended Highland School which was located on T. R. 325 and shown by the letter, H, on our map.

Elias Miley, as a youth, attended Ripley School which was located on S. R. 754 south of its intersection with S. R. 514, and shown by the letter, R, on our map. Schools of that day were one room structures and housed all elementary grades. Each township was responsible for its schools with the formation of several school districts within its boundaries; with the school houses strategically placed to be within walking distances from all points of their particular districts. The schools were not only institutions of learning, but also served as social centers for the entire community. The forms of entertainment were many and varied, as: group singing, vocal solos and instrumental music; picnics and, in the winter, bob sled parties; both local and out of the county speakers; spelling

bees and parlor games of the guessing and written variety; home talent plays and so on. Another favorite event of that era was the "box social", where the girls prepared boxes of food that were auctioned to the highest male bidder. The lucky man not only bought the contents of the box, but also the privilege to leisurely dine with the girl whose name was inside the box. Card playing and formal dancing were not entered into as they were against the religious beliefs of most of those concerned. It was at one of the above events, that the lad from Ripley School met the lass from Highland School, and the foundation of The Elias Miley Family was in its beginning.

Elias Miley and Ida Mae Prost were married by the minister of the Nashville Presbyterian Church in the presence of fifty relatives and friends, at the Garrett home on November 11, 1886. They first resided with Grandfather and Grandmother Miley. In 1888, they moved to the log cabin on the David Miley portion of Section 32. At about this period of time, Elias and Ida Mae took an underprivileged boy, Frank Merrill, aged ten years, into their home; and as time passed, Merrill remained with the family until he became of age; then sought his fortunes in the cities. In 1892, Elias purchased his own farm of eighty acres in Section 8 and moved his family to the new location in the following year. This farm is located 2.3 miles northeast of Nashville and can be further identified by The Miley Compressor Station which is situated directly across the road of its northern boundary line. As of today it is known as The Campbell Farm.

In 1896, Elias was stricken with typhoid fever. During his recovery period, Merrill was assisted with the farm work by neighbors and other Ripley friends. In 1904, due mostly to impaired health, Elias discontinued farming, leased the farm and moved to Shreve.

Elias served the Ripley Church of Christ as a deacon and music director. Ida Mae, who had been raised a Presbyterian, upon marriage, transferred her membership to the Ripley Church and became their organist. She also sang well, and with her husband, became noted for

their rendition of duets. Elias also served Ripley Township as a trustee and a director of Highland School. He was a member of the Shreve lodge of The Modern Woodmen of America; and a member of its crack drill team; also a member of the Nashville lodge of The Maccabees.

The move to Shreve was at the period when the candle, kerosene lamp and other home utilities were being replaced by the forerunners of our present day public utilities. Here, the city water works was in operation; the municipal electric light plant was in its beginning, and natural gas was yet to come.

Elias and Ida Mae purchased a large double house on Main Street, part of which was opened to the traveling public for meals and lodgings. The new business was then known as The Miley Hotel. Elias bought an interest in the Berry Meat Market and also engaged in the selling of farm implements. In 1905, he sold his interest in the meat market and accepted a job for himself and his horse with the State of Ohio in the construction of The Ohio National Guard Camp, known as Camp Perry, on Lake Erie, near Port Clinton, Ohio. In the winter of 1906, he was approached by one John Wells who owned a half interest in a livery stable at Wauseon, Ohio, and wished to sell. Wells was related to Elias by marriage, having married Sophronia Wells, daughter of Rachel Miley McConkey Wells. The other partner was Enos Miley, son of George Miley, first of name, and a full cousin of Elias. Early in the year 1907, Elias disposed of the Ripley and Shreve properties and moved the family to Wauseon. The new venture, which was located on Depot Street across from the New York Central Station, then became known as The Miley and Miley Livery Stable.

Upon arrival at Wauseon, Elias and family took temporary residence with the John Wells and Enos Miley families until he rented a house on Clinton Street. In 1908, after one year in the livery business, Elias was afflicted with a mild case of asthma, due, mostly, to stable odors. In the meantime, his partner, Enos Miley, sold his interest to one Alva Dickason. The new partnership then

inaugurated the first auto taxi service for the Wauseon area, and, overall, the livery business had progressed from a venture to a profitable enterprise. However, by 1910 the suffering from asthma had become so acute that Elias was forced to retire and sold his interest to Ralph Miley, son of Jacob Miley, second of name, and grandson of John Miley, second of name.

The attending physician then recommended a change in climate. In compliance with this advice, Elias chose the newly created state of Oklahoma as the most promising region for a trial. After a brief stay there, it appeared that the climate of that section of the state was ideal for asthma sufferers. Consequently, Elias purchased eighty acres of land within the city limits of Keefeton, Muskogee County, Oklahoma. There were no buildings on this acreage and in the fall of 1910, Elias and Ida Mae journeyed to their new possession with the intentions of erecting buildings and moving their family to that state. But, alas, what seemed to be first true now reversed itself and the asthma attacks became even more severe than in Ohio. They then abandoned their hopes for relief in Oklahoma and returned to Wauseon. Their newly acquired land was not disposed of at this time, but remained under family control and ownership until about the year 1948.

The Wauseon doctor then advised northern Michigan as a probable climate for an alleviation of this distress. Dale Miley, and his mother, Florence Miley, operated The Fisherman Paradise and Summer Resort on Grass Lake, near Bellaire, Michigan. Dale Miley was the son of George Hadsel Miley and the grandson of George Miley, first of name. Elias was invited to visit them to test if that climate would be beneficial. Within a few days Elias was almost completely free from the attacks. The local doctor advised him to settle in Petoskey, Michigan, due to better employment possibilities for himself and family. Thus, in June, 1911, Elias and Ida Mae with their two daughters, Bertha and Lottie, and son, Ray, moved to Petoskey.

In Petoskey, they first resided at a tourist home on Bay Street, owned and operated by a retired photographer, Perry Fisher, and his wife, Anna. The Fishers were childless. A strong bond of mutual admiration and respect soon existed between the two families. As the years passed, and as subsequent events developed, this chance meeting was to result in a rewardable career in the tourist business for the Miley family.

Following the brief stay at the Fisher tourist home, the Miley family resided in rental properties; first on Howard Street, later, on Mitchell Street. The children had obtained employment and Elias slowly began to regain his health. In the fall of 1912, Elias and Ida Mae leased a building facing on Railroad Park which contained a small family restaurant on the ground floor and an apartment above. They purchased the restaurant equipment and were doing a satisfactory business, when, due to circumstances beyond their control, the building was sold to other business interests. They then rented property on Michigan Street with an old house and a barn for the storage of their restaurant equipment. Never again were they able to find a suitable location for a restaurant. In the year 1913, they moved to a large house on Bay Street with more room than needed for family living. Here, Ida Mae established a tourist home which became known as The Miley Lodge, and Elias obtained light summer work with the Pere Marquette Railroad.

Each fall, Elias and Ida Mae returned to Ohio for visits with relatives and friends in Wauseon and Holmes County. Although the threat of a recurrence of his ailment was ever present, the blood and friendship ties were of more consequence. He suffered his last attack in the fall of 1916 while visiting in Wauseon. Yet, he did return to his summer position in 1917, but asthma had taken its toll and he died in his sleep on July 12, 1917. Funeral services were held at the Stone Funeral Home in Petoskey and The First Christian Church in Wauseon. Burial was made in The Wauseon Cemetery.

The Miley Lodge was then disposed of, and in October, 1917, Ida Mae moved from Petoskey to Toledo for the purpose of making a home for her son, Ray, her daughter, Grace, and her two children. This arrangement continued until about the year 1923 when her two Toledo children established their own homes, and Ida Mae was free to travel.

From the period of 1923 to 1948, she traveled extensively to southern and western points. Ida Mae was a versatile woman who was able and willing to turn her hand to many benefits and comforts for others; such as, homemaker, practical nurse, companion to elderly ladies and so on. Hence, on several of her journeys she was more than self-supporting. Her first trip to Florida lasted three years and she was an eyewitness to that devastating Miami hurricane of 1926. The last trip to Florida occurred in 1947 when she spent a year with her daughter, Grace. In the intervening years she had made two or more journeys to Florida; one to California to visit an old Highland School chum; another to Oregon to visit a former Petoskey friend. While in the latter area she availed herself of an opportunity to see the Alaskan Territory.

From the years 1948 to 1952 she alternated her residences with her daughters in Petoskey and Rogers City, Michigan, and her son in Toledo. She had many contacts other than relatives in the Toledo area, being a member of The East Christian Church and The Yondota Chapter #317 Eastern Stars. In 1951, while visiting in Petoskey, she had the misfortune to fall and fracture her pelvis, the second such injury of her lifetime. Complications resulting from this mishap were too much for her system and she died suddenly on September 14, 1952. Funeral services were held at the Stone Funeral Home, Petoskey, and the Eggleston-Meinert Funeral Home, Toledo. Interment in Wauseon Cemetery.

THE FOURTH GENERATION

The First Child of Elias and Ida M. Miley

I. Grace Mabel Miley was twice married. First, on October 2, 1910, to Albert Wilhelm Figy, who was born in Fulton County, Ohio, on May 10, 1884. This marriage was later dissolved. He was a commercial salesman with headquarters at Green Bay, Wisconsin. He died May 15, 1950, and is buried at Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin.

Issue of this marriage, one daughter born in Wauseon and one son born in Toledo.

1. Lucille Elizabeth Figy born September 14, 1911.
2. John Miley Figy born October 6, 1914.

Secondly, Grace Miley Figy, in the summer of 1922, married Reinhart J. Raddatz, who was born in Toledo on March 10, 1880. They resided in Toledo, where he was an oil refinery employee. This marriage was later dissolved. There was no issue. He died April 5, 1962, and is buried in Sylvania, Ohio. She resides in Miami, Florida, where she has been associated with real estate and employment agencies for many years.

THE FIFTH GENERATION

The Children of Albert W. and Grace Miley Figy

I. Lucille Elizabeth Figy was twice married. First, on June 3, 1933, to Robert Bieber Nigh, who was born in Toledo on February 1, 1910. They were engaged in interior decorating in the Toledo area before moving to Florida in 1960. He died there November 17, 1962, and is buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Toledo.

Issue of this marriage, one daughter born in Trilby, Ohio.

1. Nancy Rose Nigh born April 6, 1936.

On December 25, 1944, a foster child, Jeanne Edna Kurth, who was born in Toledo on May 6, 1938, accepted the Nigh invitation to join their family. There are neither legal nor blood ties, but Jeanne voluntarily chose to assume the Nigh name as her own. We, of the Miley name and blood, welcome Jeanne and her descendants to share our traditions and history as we do. We solicit our descendants to make the Nigh-Kurth affiliation as rewarding to them as the Sykes-Miley union has been to us.

Jeanne Edna Kurth Nigh on February 12, 1960, married Lynn Holmes Gowin, who was born in Sheldon, Missouri, on August 21, 1940. He is engaged in industrial personnel work. They reside in Toledo, Ohio. Issue of this marriage one daughter, Wendy Lynn Gowin, born in Toledo, on September 10, 1961.

Secondly, Lucille Figy Nigh on March 14, 1964, married Al' D Francis Fayard, who was born in Big Springs, Texas, on June 12, 1914. He is associated in the water line supply business at Naples, Florida, where they also reside.

II. John Miley Figy on June 12, 1936, married Helen Ruth Peterson, who was born in Woodstock, Connecticut, on September 27, 1915. He operates an electronic and television business in Imperial Beach, California, where they reside.

Issue of this marriage one son born in East Orange, New Jersey, and one daughter born in San Diego, California.

1. John Miley Figy II born September 6, 1937.
2. Yvonne Marie Figy born November 2, 1947.

THE SIXTH GENERATION

The Daughter of Robert and Lucille Figy Nigh

I. Nancy Rose Nigh on September 3, 1958, married Delbert Henry Ackerman, who was born in Toledo on

July 30, 1936. She is a professional musician. He is employed in the dairy industry. They reside in Toledo, Ohio.

Issue of this marriage, one daughter, born in Toledo and preschool age.

THE SEVENTH GENERATION

1. Tanya Leigh Ackerman born July 2, 1960.

THE SIXTH GENERATION

The Children of John and Helen Figy

I. John Miley Figy II on February 22, 1958, married Sharon Ruth Baker, who was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on November 12, 1938. He is associated with his father in the electronic and television business at Imperial Beach, California, where they reside.

Issue of this marriage, two sons and one daughter, the first named born in Honolulu, Hawaii; the second and third in San Diego, California. All are preschool age.

THE SEVENTH GENERATION

1. John Miley Figy III born September 7, 1959.
2. David Richard Figy born August 5, 1961.
3. Victoria Ruth Figy born August 4, 1964.

II. Yvonne Marie Figy is a high school student, resides with her parents.

THE FOURTH GENERATION

The Second Child of Elias and Ida M. Miley

II. Bertha Elizabeth Miley on July 15, 1916, married Glenn Carlton Hazelton, who was born in Petoskey, Michigan, on May 17, 1888. He was interested in the retail shoe

business in Petoskey for many years. They also owned and operated tourist guest homes; first, at the former Fisher address; later, expanded to a three unit operation; now retired and reside at Petoskey.

Issue of this marriage two sons, both born in Petoskey.

1. Hugh Keith Hazelton born February 28, 1919.
2. Paul Allen Hazelton born May 31, 1922.

THE FIFTH GENERATION

The Children of Glenn C. and Bertha Miley Hazelton

I. Hugh Keith Hazelton was twice married. First, on August 30, 1941, to Jean Elizabeth Ross. Issue of this marriage, one daughter, Sandra Jean Hazelton, born on August 22, 1942. In 1945, after his return from World War II military service, this marriage was dissolved. Through circumstances beyond family control all traces of the daughter are now lost.

Secondly, Hugh Keith Hazelton on October 15, 1951, married Ann Louise Rosser, who was born in Traverse City, Michigan, on September 8, 1927. He is a design engineer. They reside in Traverse City, Michigan.

Issue of this marriage, two daughters, one son; all born in Traverse City, and all public school students.

THE SIXTH GENERATION

1. Lynn Marie Hazelton born July 27, 1952.
2. Cynthia Ann Hazelton born March 18, 1955.
3. Robert Keith Hazelton born August 23, 1958.

II. Paul Allen Hazelton on July 30, 1948, married Mary Esther Bauer, who was born in Newport News, Virginia, on September 24, 1923. He is an architect. They reside in Traverse City, Michigan.

Issue of this marriage, three sons all born in Traverse City and all public school students.

THE SIXTH GENERATION

1. Glenn Carlton Hazelton II born September 7, 1950.
2. William Lesser Hazelton born July 22, 1952.
3. Thomas Irving Hazelton born August 13, 1954.

THE FOURTH GENERATION

The Third Child of Elias and Ida M. Miley

III. Lottie Faun Miley on October 23, 1913, married Sanford A. Newhouse, who was born in Wauseon, Ohio, on January 15, 1894. They resided on a farm near Wauseon for a few years, then moved to Rogers City, Michigan, where they purchased a dry cleaning business which they expanded into a three plant operation at two other Michigan locations. They retired in 1956 and returned to Wauseon. She died January 2, 1958, and is buried in Wauseon Cemetery. There was no issue.

THE FOURTH GENERATION

The Fourth Child of Elias and Ida M. Miley

IV. David Ray Miley was twice married. First, on June 29, 1922, to Marjorie Mae Smothers, who was born in Malinta, Ohio, on January 10, 1897. They resided in Toledo, Ohio. She died November 17, 1942, and is buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Toledo.

Issue of this marriage, one daughter born in Toledo.

1. Joan Marie Miley born March 25, 1931.

Secondly, David Ray Miley on September 7, 1946, married Margaret Louise Moorhead, who was born in Toledo on July 8, 1910. Prior to marriage, she was a teacher in the Toledo Public School System. In 1963, he retired from the Sun Oil Co. where he had been a refinery loss engineer

with almost fifty years of continuous service. They reside in Toledo. There is no issue.

THE FIFTH GENERATION

The Daughter of D. Ray and Marjorie M. Miley

I. Joan Marie Miley on August 31, 1952, married Billy Ray Norris, who was born in Englewood, Tennessee, on May 2, 1931. She is a social worker. He is a minister. They have held pastorates in the mid-west; presently, The South Christian Church in Toledo.

Issue of this marriage two sons, two daughters; all either public school students or preschool age.

THE SIXTH GENERATION

1. Kevin Miley Norris born in Crawfordsville, Indiana, on August 8, 1955.
2. Kyle Anthony Norris born in Batesville, Indiana, on October 10, 1958.
3. Kimari Ann Norris born in Danville, Illinois, on June 13, 1960.
4. Kristen Kathryn Norris born in Toledo, Ohio, on September 22, 1962.

9. THE DAVID MILEY FAMILY STATISTICS

From June 24, 1851, to September 22, 1964, Inclusive

David Miley 1824-1902

Elizabeth Garrett Miley 1827-1899

THE DAVID MILEY FAMILY							97
GENERATIONS							TOTALS
	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th		
First Birth	1851	1874	1899	1923	1948		
Last Birth	1861	1903	1936	Incomplete	Incomplete		
Births	4	11	21	37	26	99	
Harmon	1	5	15	23	22	66	
Amos	1					1	
Louis	1	2	1			4	
Elias	1	4	5	14	4	28	
Deaths	4	5	2	1		12	
Under 10 years	1		1	1		3	
Under 60 years	1	1	1			3	
Under 70 years	1	1				2	
Over 70 years	1	3				4	
Male Births.	4	7	12	21	15	59	
Female Births.	0	4	9	16	11	40	
Living Descendants.		6	19	36	26	87	
Living Males of Miley Name.		4	8	3	2	17	
Living Generation Ages		71	51	19	5		

THE FIRST GENERATION

John Miley	1784-1845
Eva Margaretha Miley	1784-1870

THE SECOND GENERATION

David Miley	1824-1902
Elizabeth Garrett Miley	1827-1899

THE THIRD GENERATION

I. Harmon Miley	1851-1919
II. Amos Miley	1856-1860
III. Louis Miley	1859-1947
IV. Elias Miley	1861-1917

THE FOURTH GENERATION

I.

Lois Miley	1874-1946
Dora Campbell Miley	1876-1928
James Leonard Miley	1879-1955
John Elias Miley	1882-1957
Harry Dalton Miley	1889

III.

Paul Newcomer Miley	1894
Olin Oliver Miley	1903

IV.

Grace Mabel Miley	1887
Bertha Elizabeth Miley	1889
Lottie Faun Miley	1892-1958
David Ray Miley	1894

THE FIFTH GENERATION

I.

Helen Marie Power	1899
Clarence Harmon Power	1905
Elmer Conrad Miley	1904
Irma Jane Miley	1906-1938
John Harmon Miley	1910
Ralph Warren Miley	1912
George Edward Miley	1914
Harold Blaine Miley	1915
Ellen Elizabeth Miley	1919
Carl Leo Miley	1901
Herbert Perry Miley	1903
Marcella Miley	1908-1908
Mildred Lucille Miley	1911
Vera Fay Miley	1916
Nita Pauline Miley	1914

III.

Ray Leonard Miley	1936
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IV.

Lucille Elizabeth Figy	1911
John Miley Figy	1914
Hugh Keith Hazelton	1919
Paul Allen Hazelton	1922
Joan Marie Miley	1931

THE SIXTH GENERATION

I.

Lister Desylvia Donley	1923
Clarence Louis Donley	1929
Laverla Marie Donley	1936
Leland Leroy Donley	1942
Lloyd Eugene Donley	1946
George Miley Karr	1932

James William Karr	1935-1943
Carol Sue Miley	1939
Nancy Jane Miley	1943
David Warren Miley	1951
Edward Lynn Miley	1939
Kathryn Louise Miley	1932
James Lloyd Miley	1935
Betty Lou Miley	1936
Jean Lynn Miley	1946
Sharon Kay Miley	1946
Sandra Karen Miley	1949
James Miley Pennell	1943
Roger Eugene Pennell	1945
Robert Emerson Dilgard, Jr.	1946
George Milton Dilgard	1948
Jean Ann Dilgard	1951
Ronald Cletus Rang	1941

IV.

Nancy Rose Nigh	1936
John Miley Figy II	1937
Yvonne Marie Figy	1947
Sandra Jean Hazelton	1942
Lynn Marie Hazelton	1952
Cynthia Ann Hazelton	1955
Robert Keith Hazelton	1958
Glenn Carlton Hazelton II	1950
William Lesser Hazelton	1952
Thomas Irving Hazelton	1954
Kevin Miley Norris	1955
Kyle Anthony Norris	1958
Kimari Ann Norris	1960
Kristen Kathryn Norris	1962

THE SEVENTH GENERATION

I.

Donna Jean Donley	1948
Denver Lee Donley	1952

Leslie Raymond Donley	1954
Charles Franklin Donley	1956
Thelma Joyce Donley	1962
Benson Wayne Donley	1957
Norman Frederick Donley	1958
Kevin Louis Donley	1964
Diane Marie Phillips	1958
Linda Lee Phillips	1959
James William Karr	1952
Charles Ray Karr	1956
Kathleen Karol Karr	1961
Alan Dean Miller	1959
Valerie Ann Miller	1961
Robyn Lyn Miller	1964
Jo Ellen Miley	1964
James Joseph Miley	1960
Jonathan Fredrick Miley	1961
Julia Beth Miley	1963
Gordon Ridgeway Chavis, Jr.	1963
Jeffery Carl Chavis	1964

IV.

Tanya Leigh Ackerman	1960
John Miley Figy III	1959
David Richard Figy	1961
Victoria Ruth Figy	1964

THE LEVI MILEY FAMILY

The histories of David and Levi Miley are synonymous. They worked side by side in life. They shared their fortunes; they shared their adversities. Their joys and their sorrows were interwoven. Their thoughts of the hereafter and their deeds on earth were of a sameness. They rest side by side in death.

We recognize Lauren Boner, grandson of Levi Miley, and his wife Lois, as our principal contributors to a synopsis of The Levi Miley Family. Mr. and Mrs. Boner enjoy the distinction of being the only John Miley descendants who are now active members of The Ripley Church of Christ. Mr. Boner is also chairman of the cemetery association. They reside in Shreve, Ohio, where he has been engaged in business for over forty years.

Levi and Eliza Garrett Miley had retired from farming and moved to Shreve a short time before his death on October 25, 1893. The forty acres in Section 4 was transferred to Leonard Sherman Miley in 1892 and passed from Miley history when he disposed of it in 1904. The eighty acres in Section 32 was transferred to Eliza Miley in 1895. She died November 13, 1914. Title was then transferred to Jennie Miley Boner and Miley history ended here when she sold in 1916. This acreage is now known as the Connor Farm.

Of the Miley-McFarland marriage there were two surviving children; namely, Sarah Ellen and Jennie.

1. Sarah Ellen married Solomon Lee in 1869. They first resided in Holmes County, then moved to Fulton County, where, from Mr. Mayer's records, two children were born in 1873 and 1875; namely, Viola and Bertha. It is reported they later moved to Idaho. There is no further information.

2. Jennie married Hiram Boner. They lived their entire lifetime in the Ripley Area. Their children were Lauren, born in 1888; and Ethel, born in 1895. Lauren married Lois Craven. Their children: Kenneth, resides in Cincinnati; Ruth, resides in Cleveland; Harold resides in Shreve. Ethel married Ralph Kindig. They resided in Bay City, Michigan. She died in 1959. Their children: Raymond, Russell and Beverly. The first two named reside in Michigan; the last, in Chicago.

Of the Miley-Garrett marriage there were two surviving children; namely, Leonard Sherman and Adaline Margaret.

1. Leonard Sherman married Maude Critchfield. They resided in Shreve. There was no issue.

2. Adaline Margaret was thrice married. First to Charles Pennell; second to a Mr. Ling; third to B. A. Headley. There was no issue with the second and third marriages. Issue of the first marriage was three sons; namely, Sherman, reported to reside in Oregon; William, reported to live in Arizona and Ray resides in Columbus. She resided in Columbus, Ohio, for many years. There is no further information.

Thus, within the Levi branch of The Miley Family, the name, MILEY, became extinct with the death of Leonard Sherman Miley in 1941, but the blood will carry on indefinitely.

Members of The Levi Miley Family Interred in Ripley Cemetery

Eliza Miley	1853-1853
Emma Louise Miley	1854-1856
Isabel McFarland Miley	1830-1861
Belinda Florence Miley	1863-1865
Levi Miley	1828-1893
Eliza Garrett Miley	1841-1914
Hiram Boner	1861-1919
Jennie Miley Boner	1860-1940
Leonard Sherman Miley	1865-1941

Adaline Margaret "Addie"

Miley Headley

1867-1949

Maude Critchfield Miley

1872-1957

AFTERWORD

As ends this Miley Family History during the two hundred and sixty-seven years of its known existence in Europe and its two hundred twelve years in America. It ends this special Chronicle of the first one hundred thirteen years of the existence of The David Miley Family. It may not be marked by wonderful gifts of fortune, or public distinction in the Old World or New, but it is very honorable to the immigrant of 1752, who crossed the Atlantic, impelled less by ambition than religious zeal and hopes for the future of his children. It is likewise very honorable to the virtuous Redemptor, who came to America in the last decade of the eighteenth century, founded The Miley Family, and witnessed the initial stages of the emergence of our Nation from a wilderness to a World Power. In the same manner it is very honorable to David and Elizabeth Miley; who, through their descendants, have bestowed upon us a legacy more valuable than gold. While their descendants are scattered all over the world, and their blood is mingled in communities where they move and live in the drama of life, yet they have made in the annals of our race a mark that will stand for ever. They have left to the world a generation that will be a source of pride and honor to the nation. It is blended with the best of the world, and it is distinguished by the noblest of the world. It is a people that is a national asset. It is a people that is a national treasure. It is a people that is a national pride. It is a people that is a national honor. It is a people that is a national glory. It is a people that is a national strength. It is a people that is a national power. It is a people that is a national influence. It is a people that is a national legacy. It is a people that is a national heritage. It is a people that is a national treasure. It is a people that is a national pride. It is a people that is a national honor. It is a people that is a national glory. It is a people that is a national strength. It is a people that is a national power. It is a people that is a national influence. It is a people that is a national legacy. It is a people that is a national heritage.

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The compilation of The Miley Family History could not have begun without the many family records preserved by

our forefathers. The work could not have been completed without the united and zealous responses of the living generations of The David Miley Family. We thank the kindred cordially and our gratitude is due not only to the departed, but to all present day descendants who have so graciously assisted with this work. We must also express our obligations to others, outside of our family, who have honored us with their talents in many helpful ways. We have enjoyed working with you and we consider it a pleasure and privilege to serve as your historians. The composition of our work may not be of a professional nature, but our subject matter is beyond reproach. It is, simply, the record of an honest, educated, industrious race. We now commit future Miley history to posterity and we are content to end this book with the words that are a tenet to us: Words that we know you have extolled: And we know these words will be venerated throughout the ages:

"I AM GLAD I AM A MILEY."

PAUL N. MILEY

D. RAY MILEY

RAY L. MILEY

PART IV

FUTURE MILEY HISTORY

